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Christmas Number Gift Givers Guide

"I Like YOU, Santy!"



LOUISA AND HER GOOD MERCHANTS

Louisa has made some very commendable and considerable strides in the last few years. Most notable is the street paving. Last year at this time the streets were unsightly stretches of mud. Today there is none and traffic goes along without a hitch.

A number of new buildings stand out on the record of 1921, very few if any of which would have been built if the paving had not been done. It has been the year of our greatest progress.

Louisa's stores have kept pace with the progress of the years. Look thru the pages of this issue of the Big Sandy News and you will get an idea of the thorough manner in which the wants of the public can be supplied here; but you can only get the full facts by making a personal inspection of these stores and their large and well-selected stocks. The day has arrived when you can get what you want right here at home.

Do not make the usual mistake this year of delaying your Christmas buying until the last day or two before. Do it now. There are many advantages in following this plan.

Alleged Slayers of Sid Hatfield to Be Tried Soon

Welch, W. Va., Dec. 9.—The trial of C. E. Lively, Buster Pence and William Salter for the killing of Sid Hatfield and Ed Chambers, was called December 12.

Illness of Salter caused the case to be continued when they were called late in November. Salter has recovered and is ready for the trial. He also stated that the state was ready to present its case to the jury.

Testimony of Mrs. Sid Hatfield and Mrs. Ed Chambers, both of Matewan, W. Va., widows of the murdered men is expected to be the most sensational part of the state's case against Lively, Pence and Salter.

It is expected the defense will enter pleas of self defense. Lively has stated he "shot, but in self-defense." He admitted the shooting but claimed it was started by the men from Matewan.

Hatfield and Chambers were shot on the court yard steps here shortly before noon August 1 last. They were going to the court house to be heard on indictments charging them with implication in the Mohawk mining camp shooting.

SENATOR AUXIER MAY NOT ATTEND

According to reports that have come to Louisville, Senator A. E. Auxier, Pikeville, the holdover Republican member from the Thirteenth District, Floyd Knott and Pike counties, may not attend the coming session of the Legislature. It is understood that Senator Auxier is in poor health and feels unequal to the rigors of another winter in Frankfort. Senator Auxier was popular with his colleagues and his absence from the session would be missed by them.—Louisville Times.

LARGE DROP IN OIL PRODUCTION

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—Production of petroleum in the United States, according to the U. S. Geological Survey, continued to decrease during October. The daily average for the month, 1,149,613 bbls. was 70,887 bbls. a day less than the production for September and was the smallest for any month since February, 1920. California, as a result of the strike in the oil fields, dropped to third rank, and decreased daily average production is also reported for all the other States with the exception of Wyoming, Illinois, and Montana, where small gains are reported. Only 752 producing oil wells are reported to have been completed during October as compared with 2,036 wells in October a year ago.

This falling off in domestic production was offset by an increase in imports of Mexican petroleum amounting to a daily average of 373,400 bbls. Consumption also increased by 180,352 bbls. a day and was the greatest for any month of the year since January.

There was a net increase of stocks at the end of October, amounting to 884,000 bbls. An increase of 2,020,000 bbls. of Mexican petroleum held in the United States by importers is contrasted with a decrease of stocks of domestic crude oil amounting to 1,145,000 bbls. which marks the first net decrease in pipe line and tank-farm stocks east of California since April, 1920.

Wayne Man and Woman Nearing Century Mark

Francis Watts, age 97, is the oldest citizen in the vicinity of Fort Gay. She has eleven children, sixty-eight grandchildren and ninety-six great-grandchildren, a total of 175 direct descendants. She sews, knits and helps about the house work and is quite active for one of her age.

Another aged resident of Fort Gay, Route 2, is "Uncle" Johnson Robertson, who is 95 years old. He was born September 9, 1826. Was married to Peggie Pauley in 1840. In 1863 he married Marian Bartram. He is the father of eleven children, sixty-five grandchildren and one hundred six great-grandchildren.—Wayne News.

TWIN BRANCH

Chester Webb of Overda was a caller here Sunday.

Arrie Bradley and Oliver DeLong were at Silas Jobe's Sunday.

C. F. Webb made his regular trip here on Monday.

The surprise party at Silas Jobe's Sunday night was largely attended.

Misses Lula and Bertha Chaffins and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Adams were callers at Harvey Jobe's Sunday.

Mrs. Herman Webb was shopping here Monday.

Roscoe Adams has resigned his position at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Scarberry left Monday for Catlettsburg where they will visit relatives.

SANTA CLAUS.

This Special Issue Is Our Xmas Number

THE GREATEST OF ALL HOLIDAY SEASONS IS WORTHY
OF OUR BEST SPIRIT.

This sixteen-page edition of the Big Sandy News is issued for a two-fold purpose—to give the progressive merchants a chance to present their holiday offerings to the public, and to give our readers the usual amount of news and a special selection of reading matter appropriate to the Christmas season.

The spirit of Christmas should be stimulated and preserved, guided along proper lines, and be saved from the perversion that has overtaken the holy season in so many hearts. Christmas should be a joyous occasion, but not one of revelry and intemperance. The fact should be kept in mind that it is the day the Christ was given to the world.

GIVING, therefore, is the proper spirit for Christmas. Remembering others, doing something for them, giving tokens of love, friendship, and good will.



The Old Folks' Christmas

By Christopher Grant Hazard

THE Old Folks decided that it was time for them to be young again. So they set up a Christmas tree in a corner of the big dining room.

Santa Claus came bustling in and began to make things pleasant. Tied to his belt there was an alarm clock. Its bell was ringing like everything. This was to wake the Old Folks up.

First, he called the roll, to see if they were all up and awake. Then he began to pick the presents off the tree.

Soon the room was gay with dolls, rams and jumping jacks.

A doll was riding in her carriage, squeaking and rising up every few feet as she rode along.

There was a talking doll, too. She sang and talked when they pushed the buttons on her dress.

There were hot dolls for cold nights and cups and balls for the Old Folks to play with when they could not sleep.

The Old Folks all played with their presents. They blew on their horns, and amused themselves with the jumping jacks, and sent the moving toys running about the room all at once.

But, after all, the Old Folks thought it wasn't so very much fun, because there were no real children there. So they sent out to see if they could find some.

They found Lucy, Peter, Billy, Mary, Sally, Hilda, Ruth, and some other children, who all came to see the Old Folks' Christmas tree.

Lucy told the Old Folks the story about her dog Trump.

Trump was a tramp dog, but he could do some tricks. He loved to be dressed up in a blanket, with a belt. Then, with a beribboned straw hat on his head, he would walk across the room upon his hind legs.

After Lucy came Peter.

Peter said that he did not know any stories, but once he carried the flag for the big boys' baseball team, and they let him go in to see the baseball game, free.

Then Billy told a story.

He said that once he sat up all night, waiting for Santa Claus to come and fill his stocking. That is, he tried to sit up all night; but Santa Claus didn't come and so he fell asleep in the dark. The next day the doctor came to see him. The doctor told him he had had "stockingitis."

Billy said, too, that when he woke up in the early morning and found that Santa Claus had forgotten to fill his stocking, he was going to throw himself on the floor and pound his heels on it and holler. But then he happened to remember how ugly his

brother Harry looked when he did that. So Billy thought he wouldn't, and he didn't.

Mary told about the songs she sang to her doll.

She said that the song that her doll liked the best was:

The little dog went to the market town, With one foot up, and one foot down; But when he came to a muddy place He jumped cle-e-e-an over!

Mary said that she always jumped her doll at the "jump" part.

Sally thought that it was a long time since she had known a story, "most as long as the night before Christmas," but she did remember a ride she once had on a little donkey.

She said they had to send the little donkey on ahead to make the little donkey hurry.

Then she remembered about the cats at her grandma's house. There was a big cat for the big mice, and a little cat for the little mice.

Hilda told a story about a little blind boy she once saw.

When she said her evening prayer

that night, her mother said to her: "What are you going to say, in your prayer tonight, about that poor little blind boy you saw to-day?"

So Hilda asked God about him. The very next day she took the little blind boy a big orange.

It was now Ruth's turn.

"Once I asked a little girl if that was her sister," said Ruth. "The little girl said: 'It ain't a sister. It's a baby.'"

One of the other boys now had a story to tell.

"Once I saw a cyclone come around the corner of a street," he said. "A man had a tent there with a lot of dolls in it. The man wanted to sell the dolls, but the cyclone took the tent right up into the sky, with all the dolls in it."

"Another man asked him: 'What are you making such a fuss about? Weren't your dolls for sale?' and everybody laughed except the doll man."

The Old Folks were having such a good time listening to the stories that they thought the children ought to have a good time, too. So they took all their presents that had come off the tree and gave them to the little folks who had come in.

Every boy and every girl had a toy and a box of candy—Lucy, Peter, Billy, Mary, Sally, Hilda, and the others.

Then, all the young Old Folks and all the children marched around the dining room singing.

They sang "Merry, Merry Christmas," and so the fun ended.

But I guess it didn't quite end then, either. For, as the young Young

Folks went out of the door and down the street, the young Old Folks could hear them laughing, long after they turned the corner.

Besides, the young Old Folks have been talking about their "Old Folks' Christmas" ever since.

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Christmas Collars

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

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I LOVE him, I love him, I love him," Agnes Allen said. And as she was alone in her room, and as no one could hear her, naturally there was no answer to her statement which she had repeated several times.

She was speaking of George Farwell, George was so good looking with his wonderful blue eyes, his brown hair, his fine erect figure.

Wherever she saw men she thought how insignificant they looked beside George. She was glad that she thought that way. She hoped others thought that way about the men they cared for. Then everything would be so smooth and so simple.

She wanted everyone to like her George immensely. But it would be embarrassing if everyone thought just the same about him as she did.

The wedding was to be Christmas afternoon. Then they had planned to go to their own new little home which they had just finished furnishing and fixing up. They were going to have their own little Christmas tree there—quite by themselves, and their friends had left their wedding presents and their Christmas presents there, though almost all of the former they had seen, of course.

"Are you almost ready?" It was Mrs. Allen calling up the stairs.

"Almost, mother dear," she answered.

"You'll be late," her mother called. "I'll hurry," she said.

"Do you want any help?"

But she had taken longer than she had thought. Yes, if she didn't hurry she would be late! Still she would have George all her life now. How wonderful it would be! She wondered if that was why brides were so often late because they felt they had so much time!

It was a gloriously happy thought to realize how much time she had.

She was only ten minutes late. The few friends were at the Christmas day wedding. And her bouquet was of holly and mistletoe. She had always said she would love to have such a wedding bouquet. It would be so merry and Christmasy and such a happy, gay kind of a bouquet.

George had consented of course. He agreed to everything she said, because he loved her so, and she was so fair with him, too, because she loved him so!

The ceremony was over. They drove away in a low sleigh with jingling bells to the small house. There, by themselves, they opened presents. What a glorious time they had!

And she had a little surprise for him. Just a little bit of a surprise. But she knew he would like it.

"Open that box, there, George," she said.

He opened it.

And looked at some collars, many, many collars, all much too big for him.

"When I was buying my wedding clothes in town that time, George, I remembered that you'd spoken of a wonderful kind of collar you liked. I remembered the name too. I was a little puzzled when the man asked me your size. I told him though that as long as he had the right kind the size didn't make any difference. When he asked me if you were big or small I told him you were big of course!"

"Why, George, what is the matter? Won't they fit you? Is the size so important?"

"My darling little girl," he laughed, "what does it matter what the size is. That is—it does matter about wearing them I'm afraid, my love. But to think you thought of me even when you were getting the wedding fineries and remembered the name of the collar."

"They're my Christmas collars," he exclaimed, "and I'll put them away in the box with the Christmas bouquet we're going to save. Such a Christmas gift from a dear little bride should never be mingled by any laundry!"

"What a silly I am," she laughed gaily.

"But such an adorable silly," George answered as he kissed her.

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IN MEMORY

On November 17th the death angel visited the home of Johnnie Diamond and claimed for its victim his son, Cecil. He was about 17 years of age. He leaves a father, step-mother, six brothers and one sister and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. He was loved by all who knew him. He was always kind and had a smile for all.

Cecil had been working up the river. He came home for a party his sister was giving on Saturday night. He had been sick about a week before he came home and he took his bed on Thursday, was bedfast fourteen days. Typhoid fever was the cause of his death. The interment took place in the Diamond burial ground near Smoky Valley.

Rev. Lindsey Cyrus conducted the funeral services in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. Oh, how sad to have to give up Cecil when we loved him so well. It cannot seem real that those bright eyes and smiling lips are closed in death. We know the family is heartbroken. We know there will be a vacant chair in the home that can never be filled. Oh, how we will miss Cecil where we used to meet so often for he was always laughing and joking and had a kind word for everyone.

A dear friend from us is gone, A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in the home, That never can be filled.

A COUSIN.

DEEP HOLE

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Gladys Rice.

Misses Maxie and Elizabeth Taylor attended singing school at Myrtle chapel Sunday.

Miss Wilma Whitt was calling on her aunt, Mrs. Jim Rice of Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Miss Shirley Preece was calling on home folks Sunday.

Leonard Adams of Hicksville is calling on his aunt, Mrs. Claudia Taylor.

There will be a pie social at this place Saturday night, December 17. Proceeds for a good cause.

Let us hear from Mt. Pleasant.

SMOKY VALLEY

Miss Louvina Hay was the Sunday guest of Miss Virginia Bradley.

Allen Hutchison of Pleasant Ridge attended church at this place Sunday night.

Mrs. Edgar Diamond is on the sick list at this writing.

Frank Martin was in the Valley Sunday.

Lindsey Fletcher, who has employment at Estell Ky., is expected home to spend Christmas.

SANTA CLAUS.

FUNNY THINGS.

Dentist (to patient who is opening his purse): "No, don't bother to pay me in advance. Patient: 'I'm not. I was only counting my money before you give me the gas.'"

Lawyer: "Was the deceased in the habit of talking to himself when alone?" Patrick Mahoney: "I can't tell ye that, sor. I never was wid him much at thim times."

Uncle Josh: "Hop's a letter from Nephew Harry, that's gone to Africa, and says that within twenty rods o' his house there's a family o' laughing hyenas." His wife: "Well, I am glad that he's got pleasant neighbors, anyway—that's something."

"The boss sent me down after a pane of glass, ten by fourteen," said the workman to the hardware man. "Well, Patrick, I don't think I can give you a ten by fourteen, but I can give you a fourteen by ten, if you think you can make that do." "Let give me wan av thim, and O'll turn the sideways av it lengthways, and O'll don't believe the boss himself ud ever know the difference."

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Moonshine Used as "Boot" in Dog Trade

Pikeville, Ky., Dec. 1.—How a gallon of moonshine, figuring in a dog trade, resulted in the arrest of the two traders charged with violation of prohibition laws was told in court here to-day.

Clarence Watson and John Prater, Middle creek, Floyd-co., traded hound dogs. Watson was to receive \$10 cash in the trade. Prater didn't have the money, so he gave Watson a gallon of moonshine.

Watson went merrily on his way home, leading a strange dog and with his jug dangling at his side. He met two prohibition officers, J. M. Billter, Pikeville, and T. H. Patrick, Balyseville, and laughingly told them of the trade.

The officers arrested him on the spot and later took Prater into custody. They were ordered to jail pending final trial by United States Commissioner at the preliminary hearing here to-day.

SPECIFIC ANSWER DEMANDED.

Odd Ducky (to shiftless son): "I hearn tell yo' is married. Is yo'?" Son (ingratiatingly): "I ain't saying I ain't." Old Ducky (severely): "I ain't ax yo' is yo' ain't; I ax yo' ain't yo' is."—American Legion Weekly.

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CLOSING OUT
SALE OF DRESSES



An Unasked-for Gift

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

MRS. LOUIS ROTH had become a money-maker. Mrs. Louis missed doing her own work. She liked to do the darning. She was nervous in a motor-car, and a chauffeur depressed her. She had tried having one once, but she not only felt like a fool when she "dolled up," as she expressed it, but she was frightened when she saw the chauffeur's look of disgust when she told him she had no calls to make and no shopping to do except to the corner store.

She didn't care about going to a smart hotel for tea in the afternoon. Now and again she liked to have a "bite" in a pastry shop.

Louis was a musician. He was one of the most popular of dance conductors. He made money from royalties on his popular songs—a great deal of money. She had been often told that musicians were temperamental flirts. But the ones she had seen were not. They liked cigars and pinocchio and fat checks. That wasn't so temperamental. Neither was there anything temperamental about the music publishers and the friends of Louis who came in of an evening for cheese and crackers.

She was nervous when the maid broke dishes, though she knew there was lots of money to buy more. She was naturally a careful housekeeper, and the money had come a little too late or else she was one of the rare kind who couldn't spend it! Very rare, but not at all pleasant.

When she went to shows she felt asleep. She longed to dust behind corners and under the rungs of chairs. She loved to bake a good cake.

But prosperity was here, and she didn't want to let Louis know how hard it was for her to be prosperous.

He came in this time when Mrs. Louis was sitting stringing corn for the little tree she had bought. It was Christmas eve.

Louis was very evidently excited. He asked his wife to come into the little bedroom so no one would hear. Louis hadn't become used to talking before a maid. His wife noticed that



"It's Going to Be Hard on You," He Said.

he looked rather worried and troubled.

"What's the matter?" A sharp thrill of pleasure went through her. Perhaps he had speculated, lost his money in Wall street, or on the curb. So many people did, she had been told.

Louis would be poor and she would darn his socks and get his meals, and they'd live in the old flat and keep the cozy red plush furniture. Louis had been talking lately of moving to better quarters.

He took her hands in his. "It's going to be hard on you," he said.

"Oh, no," she answered, trying to repress the exultant note in her voice. "I'll be glad."

She was about to tell him how oppressive the riches had been, how they had almost suffocated her. How much happier she would be to have to save money, rather than try to spend it for Louis' sake, to make him feel she enjoyed it.

"Wife," he said finally, "they want me to tour Europe. It's a great chance. There's big money in it, and the boys all want to go with me. Do you suppose, wife, I know you're awful seasick, and a poor traveler." His face looked worried. "But do you suppose you could stand the seasickness and all, for I'd be so lonesome leaving you home? They want me so much—and they know I wouldn't want to go without you—that they're going to pay your expenses and make that a little Christmas present for you!"

She gave a look at the beloved red plush furniture. Would there never be any rest from prosperity? Her fate was sealed.

"I guess I could stand it, Louis," she said bravely. But in her heart there was hopelessness. Money, Europe, riches and more riches, a limousine future and a street car soul! And a Christmas present of such a trip! And she, alas, would have so much preferred a street car ride and a sewing basket from the boys such as they had given her that first Christmas after she had married Louis, when they hadn't been rich!

Christmas Wedding Bells

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

ELIZABETH had always, it is true, admired Howard. He was so faithful and good and reliable. He had been good to his mother and his sister. Every one knew he would be good to a wife, and they all knew, too, that he wanted Elizabeth for his wife.

"You're foolish not to take him," they said. "We all know you have the opportunity to do so every time he goes to see you. We would wager he'd proposed any number of times."

"I don't know about that," Elizabeth would laugh. They could get nothing out of her.

Once some of them spoke to Howard.

"We wish you two would get married. We're tired of seeing you court-ing all the time."

Howard smiled.

"It's up to Elizabeth," he said. One woman spoke to Elizabeth one day in a very serious fashion.

"The trouble with you," the woman said, "is that you've always had so much attention. Not only Howard, but everyone has been charmed by you, and you think that will go on to the end of time. You'll find it won't. They'll stop, and then, where will you be?"

"I don't want to be married so as to escape being an old maid," Elizabeth laughed. "I've seen too many happy ones to be afraid. What's



more—I think a lot more of a person who is faithful to someone they've loved than to marry for the sake of marrying. Lots of the 'old maids' are that. Some of the married ones have been so afraid they'd be thought unpopular and unwanted that they've married out of sheer cowardice."

This was very puzzling. Had Elizabeth loved someone in her earlier days—perhaps when she had gone away on a visit? No one knew. But everyone was puzzled. So much puzzled that they asked no more questions. They stopped telling her she should marry Howard. They stopped telling her what a wonderful husband he would make, and how much he loved her.

They were speculating on which visit it could have been when the tragedy occurred. And had the mysterious man married or had he been already married and so Elizabeth, as a nice, quiet girl had quickly taken herself home and out of the way?

It was snowing hard. Elizabeth was getting together her Christmas presents when the door bell rang. Outside stood Howard.

"I thought perhaps you'd not mind if I went with you when you took around the presents," he said. "I knew it was just about your time."

How lovely it was outside. The snow was falling, the air was so clear and cool, and here was Howard, so



straight and tall, his face glowing with health, his eyes so clear, so keen and so devoted. It made even the cold, crisp air seem warm and soft and affectionate.

They had delivered the presents and were now passing the small church. Inside someone was practicing on the organ. That was doubtless the organist practicing for the music for the service in the morning. There was much beautiful music always for Christmas! So many wonderful hymns, and such an atmosphere about it all.

"I wish," Howard said, "that he'd stop practicing the Christmas music and play us a wedding march."

"Perhaps he would," said Elizabeth.

"Do you mean it?" Howard shouted.

"Oh yes, my dear, of course I mean it. You've not said a word about marrying the last four times I've seen you and I've been about to do it myself. The people—they tried to keep me from seeing how wonderful you were by talking about you, making you what they saw in you—not giving me a chance to see for myself."

The organist played the wedding march. The clergyman came over hurriedly to marry them, bringing two witnesses with him.

"The Christmas bells and the wedding bells are joining together for us," Howard said a little later.

They took the basket which had had the presents in it back home. Then they announced to all the people what they had done.

"Merrie Christmas!" everyone wished them. But Elizabeth answered, "We don't need to be wished 'Merrie Christmas,' but we thank you all just the same!"



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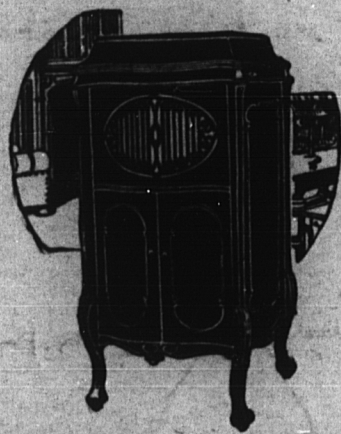
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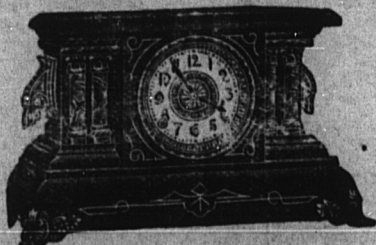
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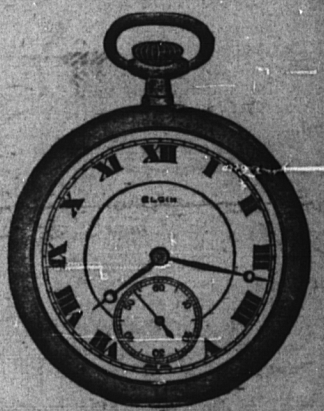
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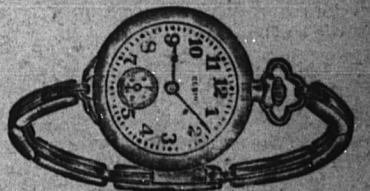
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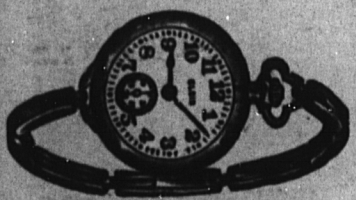
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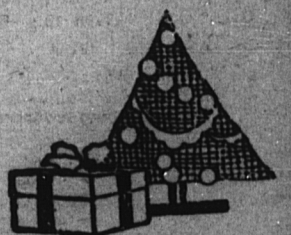
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A COLUMN DEDICATED TO TIRED MOTHERS AS THEY JOIN THE HOME CIRCLE AT EVENING TIDE.

The Link.

By John Kendrick Bangs
Since I believe that life hath ne'er an end,
And all tomorrows on today depend,
I'll live this day whatever kind it be
In love, and faith, and perfect charity.
That in some distant hour vexed by wrong
I'll form a link, dependable and strong,
To hold me fast into my heritage
Of truth that is man's primal anchorage.

Christmas.

Nineteen centuries ago the words, "On Earth Peace Good Will Toward Men," brought joy and hope to the shepherds of Judea. Peace was promised—peace from all the turbulent woes on earth. And today millions of people of all races are still looking for peace, ignorant of how it may be attained. All want permanent peace, but all cannot agree on how it may be secured. Some think it can only be maintained by armaments; some that treaties will preserve it; and others that the League of Nations will insure its lasting abode on earth.
Every advance in the direction of permanent peace is to be commended, but we should remember that peace is, after all, a condition of mind and can only be secured by changing the minds of all men until they become harmon-

lously inclined one to another. The phrase, "On Earth Peace Good Will Toward Men," is said to have been in the original tongue, "On Earth Peace to Men of Good Will." Looked at in this way it is readily seen that peace is promised to those who possess good will toward others. Our own attitude of mind will help to insure peace for us and as its influence is felt by others peace will be brought to them also.

As the nations of the world develop a broader, more Christlike interest in each other, they will learn that what blesses one blesses all and that only by furthering the good of all can the good of one be made secure. Then we will no longer need to hope for peace for harmony will be a present reality.

Tolerance is a quality which unfortunately, very few of us possess in any great degree. In one breath we may say we are tolerant and in the next we will severely criticize an act of someone that we are in no possible way competent to judge.

Tolerance usually comes with age because experience comes with age and experience brings tolerance. Do not think from this that we can tolerate only the things we have experienced, but as a rule we are more quick to forgive a mistake in others if we have made a similar one, because to ourselves our own mistakes always seem justifiable. In fact, many of them are justifiable because we are the only ones who know all the extenuating circumstances. For that very reason we should not be so quick to judge wrong-doing in others. We cannot know the circumstances that lead up to the act; we cannot know the individual traits of the people concerned. (The majority of people really do what seems to them right at the time and they should not be censured if they show poor judgment. Those who do not choose the right thing usually choose the thing which they think will

bring them happiness and there is some excuse for them too, for happiness is the elusive little blue bird for which we are all striving.

There are few people who can afford to overlook the kind of clothes they wear. They have "arrived." They are past the stage where people are judging them by their clothes. Perhaps you say that is a false standard of judgment but after all, on first acquaintance, it is the only standard we have. People are dressing better and better as the years go by and now an intelligent face is no excuse for dandruff on the coat collar. It is true that Thomas A. Edison has eccentricities of dress. He can afford to now. And when he was getting his start people were not making such a point of being well-dressed. If he had to start over again today he would probably observe very different rules. There is no use in trying to get around the fact that you are judged by your clothes. Careless dressing to the outsider means a careless mind and careful dressing a careful mind. It may irritate us to recognize this fact, but wise is the man who does recognize it and gets in the band wagon.

FOURTEEN POINTS ON KILLING A CHURCH

1. Don't come.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. When you come, come with a grouse.
4. At every service ask yourself "What do I get out of this?"
5. Never accept office. It is better to stay outside and criticize.
6. Visit other churches about half of the time to show your pastor that you are not tied down to him. There is nothing like independence.
7. Let the pastor earn his money; let him do all the work.
8. Sit pretty well back and never sing. If you have to sing, sing out of tune and behind everybody else.
9. Never pay in advance, especially for religion. Wait until you get your money's worth, and then wait a bit longer.
10. Never encourage the preacher; if you like a sermon, keep mum about it. Many a preacher has been ruined by flattery. Don't let his blood be on your head.
11. It is good to tell your pastor's failings to any strangers that may happen in; they might be a long time finding them out.
12. Of course you can't be expected to get new members for the church with such a pastor as he is.
13. If your church unfortunately happens to be harmonious, call it apathy or indifference or lack of zeal, or anything under the sun except what it is.
14. If there happen to be a few zealous workers in the church, make a tremendous protest against the church's being run by a clique.—The Christian Work.

ELECTION CONTESTS ARE FILED IN PIKE

Ep Runyon has brought suit to contest the election of W. A. May as Clerk of Pike county. He avers that May is disqualified by reason of violation of the corrupt practices act and because the vote was not properly cast, tabulated or certified in certain precincts. George Greer has instituted a contest against Mahlon Hall for magistrate in precinct 2 of Old Shelby district.

ROVE CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Vanhorn were visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilson of Ceredo, W. Va., Saturday and Sunday.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duskin, a fine girl.
Mrs. Fannie Stump, who has been visiting relatives at Portsmouth, O., has returned home.
Mr. and Mrs. David M. Rice and Mrs. Wade Vanhorn were in Ashland Monday.

Curtis Vanhorn of Vanceburg who was here on business has returned home.

Mrs. Ed Stewart and children were calling on home folks recently.
D. M. Rice passed down our creek en route to Buchanan Saturday.

Richard A. Ruggles of Huntington, W. Va., was calling on Miss Sarah Vanhorn.

Mrs. Julia Lambert spent Wednesday night with her son, Henry, at Zeida.

Mrs. Mary Kinner and Esther Russell of Catlettsburg came up and spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vanhorn.

Bill Burton has returned home from Wyoming.

Mrs. Mary Tomlin, who has been on the sick list is improving.

Mrs. Martha Gillom and little daughter were the guests of Mrs. Dock Vanhorn Saturday.

Miss Cora and Mrs. Dissie Curnutte attended the Rebekah lodge Saturday.

Lute Vanhorn still makes his regular trips to Joe Humphrey's.

Sim Gillom was at Adeline one day last week.

Miss Cora Bryant and Mrs. Emma Burke attended singing at Zeida Saturday night.

Miss Sarah Vanhorn is spending a few days with her sister at Louisa.

Mrs. Carlos Lambert, who has been visiting her parents returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Petry are expected to spend Christmas with home folks.

Dee Powell attends singing regularly at Zeida.

POLKADOT.

WHY SUFFER SO?

Why suffer from a bad back, from sharp, shooting twinges, headaches, dizziness and distressing urinary ills? Louisiana people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Ask your neighbor! Could you ask for stronger proof of merit?

Mrs. Frank Pigg, Water St., Louisiana, says: "I suffered with many kidney symptoms, all of which were painful and annoying. Through the back and hips were my weakest spots and I could scarcely stand the dull, heavy pain and lameness, which existed in those places. I was weak, tired and sick in body and spirit. I had tired, nervous headaches and dizzy spells often annoyed me. I also was troubled with the irregular condition of my kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills were finally brought to my notice and on procuring a box at the Louisiana Drug Store Co., I began their treatment. They rejuvenated my kidneys, quickened the action of these organs and entirely rid me of the suffering." (Statement given January 27, 1908.)

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OBITUARY

Death has again flapped his black wings over our community and claimed for his victim Mrs. Laura E. Elswick, wife of D. W. Elswick of Estep. She was 61 years, 9 months and 3 days old. She fallen a victim to that dreadful pneumonia and departed this life November 26, 1921. She was a true christian wife and mother and had been a member of the M. E. Church South for 23 years.

The funeral services were held at the home church in charge of Rev. H. B. Hulet and Rev. Campbell, pastor in charge. Her remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery on the brow of the hill above the church with her father and mother, Walter and Virginia Queen, who preceded her to the glory land several years ago. She is survived by her husband, D. W. Elswick and one daughter, Mrs. Nora Higgins and three sons, K. C. Elswick, Earl Elswick and John Elswick and two sisters and five brothers.

The community has lost one that will be missed by all who knew her. She always had a kind word and pleasant smile for every one. She seemingly tried to turn every shadow into sunshine with all she met. But thank God we weep not as those that have no hope. May her mantle of righteousness fall on her splendid children and as she stands on the portals of that sunlit clime with a beckoning hand to all her friends and dear ones let us all remember that we are swift passengers to the same port whose borne. No traveler has returned. But won't that be a happy day when that great reunion shall come when He cometh to make up His jewels and the little mounds shall break asunder and give up their dead and all go home to live forever where pain, sickness, sorrow nor death is feared nor felt any more.

While pen would fail me to express my sympathy I beg to submit these few words of consolation and comfort to the bereaved family and friends.

FROM A FRIEND INDEED.

"Who's the swell guy you was just talkin' to?" asked Tony, the bootblack. "Aw, him and me's worked together for years," answered Mickey, the newsboy. "He's the editor of one of me papers."

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CLIFFORD

A large crowd attended church at this place Sunday.

A large crowd of boys and girls visited Nalie Maynard Sunday.

Sam Hall of Louisa attended church here last Sunday.

Sam Branham of this place is moving to Louisa. Sorry to see them go.

Florence Frazier and Mrs. Lucy Peters were calling on Mrs. Sam Branham last Sunday evening.

Born, to Mrs. Lottie Ratcliffe, a fine boy.

Jesse Hall was calling on his best girl Sunday night.

Misses Annie and Erie Branham were visiting Miss Dicy Jane Peters Sunday night.

Robert Ratcliffe is visiting home folks.

Mrs. Ella Ratcliffe and Miss Dicy Jane Peters were shopping in Glenhayes Monday.

Lizzie Sparks was shopping in Spunkey Tuesday.

Charley Moore attended Red Men lodge at this place Saturday night.

Mrs. W. C. Derfield was calling on Mrs. Lucy Peters Tuesday.

James A. Ratcliffe and Garret Peters were visiting on Donithon last Sunday.

Mrs. Polina Maynard was visiting relatives in Spunkey Tuesday.

Misses Bessie and Dollie F. Maynard of this place were calling on their sister Sunday.

Mrs. Drew Branham Miss Corene Frazier and Miss Nerva Jane Frazier were shopping in Spunkey Monday.

J. W. Hall has his camp building almost completed on Yellow creek, ready to begin his timber job.

Mr. and Mrs. George McReynolds were visiting relatives at Inez last the sender.

week.

Nile Bartram is having some carpenter work done on his house by Millard and Frank Peters.

Misses Nalie and Annie Maynard were visiting Dicy Jane Peters Sunday evening.

Mrs. Edna Hughes, Mrs. Nora Vinson and Mrs. May James of Glenhayes attended church at this place last Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Salmons and Erma Maynard were shopping in Glenhayes recently.

BETTY.

DENNIS

Several from here attended church at Cat Sunday.

Warren G. Brickey of Gulpport, Miss., is here the guest of Mary Pennington.

Jim Christian, Clyde Jobe and Minnie B. Pennington were calling on Reba N. Cooke Sunday.

Geo. Carter was at John J. Kitchen's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wright and baby were guests of the former's parents Friday and Saturday.

Tom Christian was here Sunday the guest of his sister, Mrs. A. J. Cooksey.

Minnie Pennington will spend Christmas with her sister at Louisa.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bentley were calling on the latter's parents Sunday.

John and Kay Cooksey have returned home from Kistler.

Tivis Wright is our champion fur buyer.

Let us hear from Webbville and Jattie soon.

SANTA CLAUS.

Send the Big Sandy News to a friend for a Christmas present. It will be appreciated and a weekly reminder of where you live.

A WOMAN WHO KNOWS HER HUSBAND



Poem by Uncle John

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION.

Long years ago, good things came
Of Peace—Good-will—to Men
In this glad hour, it comes the same—
To every heart—that precious Name—
As hallowed—now—as then.
Let myriad souls as one—rejoice—
A legion Anthems raise—
Acclaiming Him, with heart and voice,
Our Faith—our Hope—our Life—our Choice.
Let all that liveth—praise!
Yet shall it be a solemn hour—
The Christ-child's natal day!
Lest Mammon's dreadful war-clouds lower—
Lest demons come—in fiendish power
To put our Christ away—
Great God! From this—our mortal ken—
Drive every doubt today—
Let "Peace on Earth, Good-Will to Men"
Be all-triumphant—Now—as Then—
In His Dear Name—we pray!

For many thanks.



HOLIDAY SALE

STARTS FRIDAY, DEC. 16

8:00 A.M.

SHARP

Until Xmas Eve



Join in the Crowd and Share in the 8-Day Holiday Bargains

THIS WILL BE THE GREATEST EIGHT-DAY SALE THAT WE EVER HAD IN LOUISA. NOW PEOPLE I NEED THE MONEY AND THE SPACE TO BUILD AND YOU NEED THE GOODS, SO LET'S GET TOGETHER. COME NEXT FRIDAY, DEC. 16, ON UNTIL XMAS EVE. YOU WILL BE ASTONISHED AT THE LOW PRICES WE WILL HAVE ON HIGH GRADE GOODS. DO NOT DELAY! NUFF SAID. WILL ONLY GIVE YOU A SMALL PRICE LIST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THE LOW PRICES. DON'T MISS IT!

LADIES, MEN, LOOK!

In addition to the low prices, the First 50 Ladies that will be at the door Friday promptly at 8:00 A. M. Sharp will get FIVE YARDS OF HOPE MUSLIN for 50 cents. And only 5 yards to a customer.

The first 50 Men Friday morning that will trade \$5.00 or more will get a Heavy Pair of Wool Socks FREE. They are worth 75c pair.

- \$15.00 Men's Wool Suits at... **\$9.95**
- \$7.50 Boys' Suits at... **\$4.95**
- \$5.50 Men's Pants, all wool... **\$3.95**
- \$25.00 Ladies' All Wool Tricotine Suits... **\$12.95**
- \$5.00 Ladies' Skirts... **\$2.95**
- \$25.00 Ladies' Dresses... **\$12.95**
- \$10.00 Ladies' Dresses... **\$4.95**
- \$35.00 Ladies' Coats... **\$19.95**
- \$18.00 Ladies' Coats... **\$9.95**



Ladies' Umbrellas **\$1.45 TO \$9.95**

- \$10.00 Little Boys' Overcoats... **\$6.95**
- \$7.00 Little Boys' Overcoats... **\$4.95**
- \$15.00 Men's Overcoats... **\$9.95**
- 36-inch Percale, per yard... **15c**
- 54-inch Amoskeag Serge, strictly all wool, regular price \$2.00... **\$1.29**



- A beautiful line of Xmas Handkerchiefs - at, each... **5c**
- All kinds of Silk and Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs at... **25c**
- All kinds of Toilet and Manicuring Sets at... **\$1.95 TO \$4.95**



Ladies' Pocket Books, worth up to \$10, **98c TO \$6.95**

- Men's \$7.00 Shoes... **\$5.95**
- Men's \$6.00 Shoes... **\$4.95**
- Army Shoes, just a small lot left at only... **\$3.69**
- Ladies' \$6.00 Shoes... **\$4.95**
- Men's Sweaters, partly wool, \$3.00 values at... **\$1.95**
- \$1.25 Children's Sweaters... **89c**
- \$1.50 Boys' Sweaters... **98c**

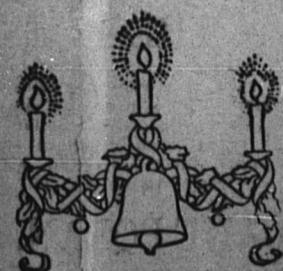
ALL KINDS OF LEATHER GRIPS AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES.

- Boys' and Girls' Black Ribbed Hose, strictly a bargain at 20c, sizes 5 1/2 to 10, at only, per pair... **10c**
- Ladies' \$2.00 Silk Hose... **98c**
- Ladies' \$1. Wool Cassimere Hose... **48c**
- Men's \$1.25 Silk Hose... **69c**
- Men's 15c Hose... **9c**
- Ladies' 20c Hose... **10c**
- BLANKETS in Wool and Cotton at Extremely Low Prices.
- Men's Red U. S. Gum Shoes, \$4.00 values at only... **\$2.95**
- Men's White U. S. Gum Shoes, \$5.00 values, at only... **\$3.45**

Hundreds of items to mention, but space will not permit us to quote more prices. So come—you will find all kinds of Xmas goods at a trifle.

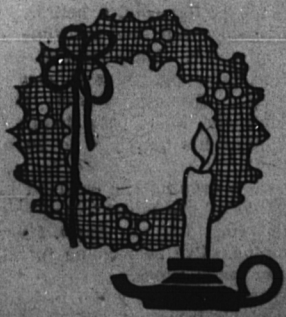
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The Coming of the Child

By

Mary Graham Bonner

"AND," Gregory Morse added, "as I've always said, I think people should be honest with each other before marriage. I don't approve of divorce—curious thing to be speaking of on the very evening I'm asking you to marry me, but it has a bearing on the subject. No," he emphasized, "I don't approve of divorce. Of course there are very extenuating circumstances at times. But I think most of them could be avoided if people talked openly and candidly before they were married."

He told her then that he cared for children, that they would mean a great deal to him.

She felt herself growing more and more tense. The whole of her ached for him. Yes, she had waited all her life for him, never mistaking in any of the others, the substitute for the real.

"I feel as you do," she said softly. "I love children!"

And she spoke the truth. But yet a truth that was only half a truth.

They were married, in the little village church on Christmas Eve and when later the carols pealed forth they felt as though even the carols were for their happiness alone!

They had been married several years. Closer and closer had they grown together. How glad she was she had waited until she was sure she loved. She had had so many proposals, and there were girls who had had so few. She had often thought of the girl to whom the simplest of pleasures had come as a complete and magnificent joy. This girl had had no attentions, her life had been almost meaningless. At last came a man into her life, very slowly, very unemotionally, but each step along the way was one which thrilled her and which mounted up to huge and great proportions. It had to be a great deal to rouse Marjorie but Gregory had roused her fully.

She had always kept her fresh charm and her appeal though she had left youth behind. Her skin was smooth, her color good, her eyes dark and lustrous and her hair had no traces of gray.

But during this time no children had come to them. Gregory now didn't seem to care whether they came or not. He was quite content with her.

"People change their ideas after they marry if they really love the woman they marry," he used to tell her. "Before they have theories. Now 12 children came, all well and good. But I couldn't be any happier than I am now."

She knew he spoke the truth. She knew it. He was even jealous of her eagerness for children. Was this what it meant to marry, he some times asked himself. Did people for-



"I Feel as You Do."

get about each other and sink their hopes and aspirations and ambitions and emotions and dreams into the coming of another generation when they had sworn and believed before God and man that they would only love each other. Did they love each other so little? Did they care only for the sake of the family? It couldn't be.

That was too cold a belief. Another year passed and they began growing apart. Marjorie had become restless, unhappy. Was it because of children? Gregory asked himself. Couldn't she have been happy with him? Was his marriage to be a disillusion?

But one evening she came to him. "Gregory," she said, "I have so much to tell you. Let me begin from the beginning. I've been going to tell you this so many times."

"When I married you I lied to you. Now, don't interrupt me, dear. Yes, I lied about my age. I loved you. I was afraid if I told you that perhaps I was too old to have children that you wouldn't marry me—that I would

lose you. And I couldn't lose you. Don't you see it was because I loved you so that I lied to you?" she cried. "I loved you so," she repeated.

"My darling, I'm so relieved," he said. "All I care about is that you love me."

"I know that," she told him. "But the heritage of my life has been punishing me. Even though I know you don't think now that children make any difference I know I cheated you, whom of all others I cared most for."

"Marjorie, Marjorie, dear," he caressed her. "I am so relieved that I know now what has been worrying you. I was afraid you had ceased to love me."

"It was never that, it was never that," she said. "You see, Marjorie," he went on, "if at first you had told me you were to have a child I would have been delighted—it would have seemed the conventional idea of the completion of married life which I had pictured in my mind. Afterward I realized that the most important of all was that I had you and loved you and that you loved me."

"Lately I've become very jealous of your desire for children because I thought I didn't count so much. How dreadfully we've groped in the dark even though we have been so close together."

She was happy then as she hadn't been before, happy in the love that he now gave her, the love for which she had braved a lie.

And even as he held her close she thought of it—and life—so full of perplexing moral issues. Had she not lied to him would she have fulfilled



"And It's to Be an Anniversary Child."

their own happy destinies? Would they have not rather gone their separate ways, yet two more unhappy mortals whose lives were but a makeshift?

Yet she had lied and in that lie she had cheated him, the one whom of all others she had cared most for she had cheated most completely. Perhaps he didn't care for children now. Perhaps he would never think of them again. Perhaps, oh perhaps, a hundred conjectures!

But clearly standing above the others were these two issues—she had lied to win him and because of that lie she had cheated and played false to the one she loved.

A lie is a vigorous parent, imbuing its offspring with its ever powerful blood of doubt and worry. Always she felt, she would think from time to time that she had cheated him, and that in the deep recesses of her mind he would feel her love had been a very frail and weak thing.

Yet again and again reverted to her mind the knowledge that had it not been for that lie when she had spoken it Gregory and she would never have been happy.

And these doubts and worried thoughts were the heritage of a lie such as hers had been.

It seemed like a miracle. She had given up all hope. Still at times the lie she had told in the first place of all haunted her, because she felt she had cheated Gregory. He never referred to it. He seemed radiantly happy. But she had worried.

And then some time after she had told him, she knew. She was glad she had told him. She was glad that he knew her weaknesses and faults and all. Her happiness over the coming child was so much greater because she had told him.

"And it's to be an anniversary child," The Christmas carols were pealing forth when a small boy opened his eyes upon the world so new to him.

"I'm sorry it's not a girl so we can call her Marjorie," Gregory smiled.

"I'm delighted it's a boy and that we can name him Gregory," Marjorie whispered.

"Merry Christmas," Gregory said, a little later. The clock just struck twelve.

"Merry Christmas," Marjorie answered.

And the small boy gave a shrill little cry.

"That's his way of saying 'Merry Christmas,'" Marjorie added.

"I'm delighted to have it explained to me," her husband chuckled.

Freshening Rolls.

Frequently muffins, gems, cornbread, branbread etc., are a part of the evening dinner and seldom are all eaten during the evening meal, some being left over. The question comes to the conscientious housewife, "How can I serve them again in their original freshness?" It can easily be done. Grease a piece of brown paper, using plenty of grease. Wrap in it the muffins, bread, etc. Place in hot oven for ten or fifteen minutes, unwrap, serve, and if you did not know, you would think they were just baked.

A Christmas Joke

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

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It was a young bride. Every present she had received was very welcome. She had depended on presents to furnish her new home.

When she had received an article which was not initiated she hastened to the place from which they had been purchased and picked out other articles of beauty and of household necessity.

Her friends had really been remarkably kind. She had been surprised to find how ready the shops had been about taking back gifts and substituting with others, or in engraving presents which had not already been engraved. Only one had charged for engraving—the gift had been purchased at "wholesale rate" and so engraving was not included.

Across her from the point of view of presents as well as from the point of view of a mate she had done remarkably well. This would enable them to make a very good appearance in their home without having to draw from the none too plentiful savings.

She viewed everything over again one evening, presents and those which were exchanges. There was just one thing among them that was not necessary and not particularly pretty. It was a gravy-dish. She knew of no particular use to which she could put it—she had one of the kind she really liked.

She could not exchange it. It had a monogram in the center.

"I know what I'll do with it," she said to her husband. "I'll give it to Molly Stevens for a Christmas present. She has been so good to us and I'd like to show her how much I appreciate it."

"You know she is going to get married in the spring—that is—her engagement is all but announced."

"Don't you think it would be a good idea? She was so helpful about my wedding and she has told me, quite confidentially, that the wedding will be in the spring."

"It would be a good idea to give her

something for Christmas that she could have for her new home."

"We really can't afford to buy another thing just now and that will do beautifully."

"But the monogram?" her husband inquired.

"Oh, that can be taken off you know, and another one put there in its place. I heard some one ordering that to be done in one of the silver shops the other day."

"Yes, that's a splendid idea," her husband heartily agreed.

"I'll go down-town and attend to it tomorrow. I haven't much time. Christmas is almost here."

"Our first Christmas," said the young husband as he clasped his bride to him.

"Our first Christmas," she murmured.

The next evening he asked her if she had arranged about sending the "dish" to Molly Stevens.

"I couldn't send it," she said. "Why not?" he queried.

"Because of the monogram in the center," she said.

"But you told me that that could be erased by the silversmiths and a new monogram placed there?" her husband persisted.

"I know I did," the young bride answered, "but you see they told me today at the shop that it would be possible to do it were it not for the fact that it had been done so often to this gravy dish that they wouldn't dare take a chance with it again. They'd not be able to avoid boring a hole this time! It has been given away once too often for me to put to any use," she sighed sadly.

"And I shall just send Molly a Christmas card. After all she did no more than any one else!"

Celery and Banana Salad.

Cut the bleached portions of crisped celery into half-inch lengths. Mix with it an equal quantity of diced banana. Arrange in small mounds in lettuce cups, dress with mayonnaise and garnish with English walnut meats, or if novelty is desired, serve in banana cases.

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Throwing a Monkey Wrench into the Machinery

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THE EYES

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In Favor of Parker.

Constructing a deed of conveyance made from William Connelly and wife to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Thomas C. Cecil Lodge, No. 375, F. & A. M., of Pikeville, the Appellate Court held that the lot on which a two-story building had been erected had been conveyed to the church and the upper story of the building to the lodge. The dispute between the lodge and T. G. Parker, who bought interest of the church in the property, arose this summer when Parker erected a one-story addition in the rear of the building and the lodge claimed that it had the right to erect a second story to the addition. The court held that the lot had been sold to the church and that Parker obtained all the rights of the church in making the purchase. Under the decision the lodge will not be able to build a second story on the addition erected by Parker.

Aged Woman Dead.

Mrs. Rebecca Johnson, aged 85, died at noon Wednesday, at the home of John D. Robinson on Herald's Branch. Her death was due to the infirmities of age.

Mrs. Johnson was the widow of John Johnson, a Civil War veteran, who preceded her to the grave about a quarter of a century ago.

The burial of Mrs. Johnson took place Thursday afternoon in the family cemetery on Herald's Branch.

Garnett May Compton.

Garnett May, the eighteen months old daughter of Abe Compton of High street, died Monday. The burial took place in the Syck cemetery Wednesday. The child's mother preceded her to the grave a few months ago.

Mrs. Kirkwood Dies.

Mrs. John Kirkwood died at her home in Fairview Saturday. The cause of her death has not been learned. The funeral services were held at the home by Rev. M. C. Reynolds Monday after which the burial services took place in the Cecil graveyard. She is survived by her husband.

Local and Personal.

A telegram from Claude M. Dean, clerk of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, of Richmond, Va., that the case of Mankin versus Bartley had been affirmed; making five times this case has been decided for Bartley.

Mrs. D. L. Francis and daughter, Mrs. Linton Trivette of this city, are in Huntington this week. The guests of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Francis and family.

Judge W. W. Reynolds took his son, John, who was suffering with typhoid fever, to Paintsville hospital Monday. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Phillips, of Robinson creek, were here first of this week Christmas shopping. Mr. Phillips is superintendent of Ford-Eikhorn Coal Co.—Pike County News.

PROTESTED AGAINST FIRST BATH TUB

Adam Thompson of Cincinnati had the honor of installing the first bath tub in an American home in the year 1842. The news of its installation called forth public protests and editorials were written denouncing it as subversive of democratic simplicity and pioneer hardihood. The doctors also promised that if the custom became general mankind would suffer from many diseases.

The Common Council of Philadelphia considered a measure making it illegal to bathe between November 1 and Mar. 15, but it failed of passage by two votes. Virginia put a tax of \$30 on every tub and Boston made bathing unlawful, save on the advice of a physician.

Local and Personal.

Tuesday afternoon, December 6, Sylvester Herrington of Cliff was crossing the river in a boat with a grandson and fell into the river and was drowned. His grandson endeavored to rescue him and got hold of him but was unable to get him into the boat. Mr. Herrington was 66 years of age and heart failure is supposed to have caused him to fall out of the boat. His funeral and burial took place Thursday.

Rev. C. A. Slaughter of the Ashland District preached in the M. E. Church South of this city Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. J. C. Davies of Paducah is guest of her brother, Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Bagby on Second-st.

Rev. and Mrs. Page of Iowa arrived here the latter part of the week. Rev. Page is the new Presbyterian pastor.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes of Highland-av., on November 30, a fine girl—Sallie Jewel.

Mrs. G. C. Davis and son Ralph and Miss Anna Harris are in Cincinnati this week.

Miss Hazel Gardner is guest of her sister, Mrs. W. B. Gatewood in Huntington.

Dr. Oscar Endicott went Sunday to Cincinnati to have his eyes treated.

Rev. C. H. Peters of Allen was in the city Wednesday.—Post.

PATRICK

Miss Myrtle Williamson was calling on her grandparents Sunday.

Willie Osborn, who has been at Kettel Island for some time has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Boyd of Rockcastle are spending a week with home folks at this place.

We are glad to say the sick of our community are better.

Mrs. Alice Justice was shopping at Henrietta Monday.

Hunting is all the go now.

Miss Emily Blessing and Miss Mattie Hinkle were calling on Mrs. Georgia Price Saturday evening.

Misses Sinda, Nellie and Edna Boyd spent Friday night with Mrs. Alice Justice.

Burl Boyd has gone to Beaver creek to work.

Miss Emily Blessing and Miss Sinda Marie Boyd were calling on Miss Mattie Hinkle Sunday.

Miss Rinda Walters, who has been at Ashland has returned home.

Willie Osborn was the dinner guest of his sister, Mrs. Allen Boyd, Sunday.

Miss Nola Borders, who has been on the sick list, is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. hCas. Fitch went to Louisa Friday on business.

We are looking for old Santa Claus soon.

Mrs. Jerry Fitch is no better.

BLUE EYED DOLLIE.

Twin Branch and Compton

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at Compton school house Saturday, Dec. 24, beginning at one p. m.

Mrs. Virgie Bradley was calling on Mrs. C. D. Adams Sunday.

Arle Bradley and Oliver DeLong passed down our creek Sunday.

Riley Burchett of Kistler, W. Va., is expected home soon.

Erssella M. Adams returned home Saturday from Richmond, Ky., where she has been attending the E. K. S. N. C. She will spend the holidays here before returning.

Golda Rice spent the week-end with some folks.

Luther Jobe's smiling face was seen on our creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mart Spillman and family are expected to visit relatives here soon.

SIMPLE SIMON.

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EIGHT PAGES

BIG SANDY NEWS.

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STATE NORMAL
FOR BIG SANDYLouisa Was Named in
at Last Session of Le
islature.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 12.—The educational machinery of the state, as embodied in the Kentucky Educational Council, created by the last Legislature, passed an educational survey of 100,000 to strengthen the present in training facilities and an increase in the county school levy from 25 cents for teachers' salaries.

It also recommended the formation of a County Board of Education which a County Board of Education may levy for all purposes but to maintain the schools.

The appropriation asked for the establishment of three additional schools, two white and one colored, and the enlargement of present training facilities. It is the white normal school in the Big Sandy Valley and the colored normal school in the Louisa Valley.

One of the strongest recommendations of the commission is that the State Board of Education be reorganized by the Normal School and the State Textbooks Commission. The State Board of Education is to be reorganized by the Normal School and the State Textbooks Commission.

At the last session of the Legislature a bill was introduced to create a State Normal School in the Louisa Valley.

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JOHN N. PETERS.

John N. Peters was born in Lawrence county, Kentucky, Jan. 1, 1838. He died Dec. 6, 1921. He was married in Scott county, Virginia, August 24, 1862 to Miss Nancy A. Harris. This union nine children were born, two of whom died in infancy. He was a member of the Christian church, strong in the faith, having made the good confession about fifty years ago. He was a Royal Arch Mason.

Mr. Peters had his right leg amputated just below the knee in August, 1917, on account of gangrene, after which he speedily recovered and was in the best of health until April 17, 1921, when he suffered a paralytic stroke which confined him to his bed until the end.

The widow is now unable to sit up, having been confined to her bed since last May. She suffers from a complication of diseases. Besides the widow there are left to mourn the loss the following children: Mrs. A. R. Ferguson, Seelye, California; Mrs. Marion Smith, Escondido, California; Mrs. T. C. Linger, Findlay, Ohio; Mrs. Webb Sipple, El Centro, California; Mrs. Mont Barram, Fort Gay, W. Va.; E. A. Peters, Seelye, California; and R. C. Peters at home of parents.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE.
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LIFE TERM GIVEN
SPARKS AFFIRMED

Elliott Countian To Spend
Life In Penitentiary.

The court of appeals last Friday affirmed the life sentence in the penitentiary given Richard Sparks of Elliott county for murder. Sparks was convicted and sentenced for killing his fourteen year old cousin, Mary Sparks, at Wallowhole, Elliott county, on June 2, 1921.

Sparks was tried in the Lawrence circuit court at the September term and given a life sentence. He was removed later to the Pikeville jail for safe keeping.

Son of Woman Solon
May Be Named Page

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 10.—John Elliott Flannery, 13 years old, is planning to be in the House of Representatives Hall when the 1922 session of the Legislature meets. He has two reasons for this. One is that his mother will be a member of the House, the first woman member in the history of the State, and the other is that he wants to be one of the four pages of the House.

John has obtained the promise of his mother that in spite of the fact that his school is in session at Catlettsburg, their home, he may attend the Assembly and also be a candidate for page.

Mrs. Flannery, when here to arrange for her seat in the hall of the House, said that other members of the House with whom she had discussed the matter had indicated a disposition to consider favorably the boy's plea for recognition.

MANSLAUGHTER
IS VERDICT IN
M'COY SLAYING

Inez, Ky., Dec. 12.—T. J. McCoy, Jno. Cornett and Epp Thompson, charged with murder in connection with the killing of Judge J. J. McCoy, of Martin-co., were found guilty of manslaughter by a jury which heard the evidence in the trial which was held here last week.

The punishment of Tom McCoy was fixed at four years in the penitentiary while Cornett and Thompson were given two years each.

Judge John J. McCoy had for many years been a prominent citizen of Martin-co. He served one term as county judge and made an excellent record. His culture and polish caused him to be known generally as "Gentleman John" McCoy. He was a veteran of the Civil War. For many years it had been his custom to visit Inez, the county seat on the fourth of July and take part in the celebration there. It was while on his way to Inez on July 3 that his life was taken. He was generally well to do, owning extensive mineral lands in Martin-co.

NEGRO CHARGED WITH
BURNING COURT HOUSE

The latest development in the investigation concerning the burning of the Wayne county court house on October 2 was the arrest of a negro named Anderson Dickerson, age 25, at Williamson last week. Anderson is charged with being an accessory in the burning. He originally lived in South Charleston but has been working in Williamson.

Anderson was brought to the county jail at Wayne Monday morning and will be held here to answer an indictment at February circuit court—Wayne County News.

L. L. Kinser was a business visitor in Prestonsburg Wednesday.

J. D. Ball of Norris paid the NEWS office a call Wednesday.

WALCOTT TITLE
AGAIN BOBS UP

The Price Has Hit The Bottom, With No Talkers.

(The following article would seem to indicate that the last gasp of the famous and worthless old Walcott title is being uttered. All over the United States for the last 75 years there has been active trading in eastern Kentucky land covered by a survey made by Alexander Walcott. In 1854 the Court of Appeals of Kentucky declared this title to be worthless. Yet thousands of persons have bought and sold parts of the land. No trades were made locally, of course, because the natives knew better, but in other states it was current stuff because the records and abstracts looked to be all right so long as nothing was said about the decision of the highest court. The Walcott lands start on the "Point" at Louisa and include all between the Tug and Levisa rivers.

We are copying the following story from the Courier-Journal for the amusement of our readers. One funny feature is the way the writer has "messed up" the mountain dialect. Nobody around here talks that way. "You all" and the missing "r" are not characteristic of the Big Sandy Valley, because this was not a large slave-holding section. The dialect of the extreme type of Kentucky mountaineer is very seldom recorded correctly.

Also notice the 76 revenue agents killed on the property; the elaborate \$1900 railroad survey; the enormous grant in lieu of a soldier's salary handed down for "several generations;" the scramble through the "wilderness" by the modern Mr. Parker; the opening of coal veins by creek washing! Another horrible example of a fool reporter writing about things of which he is densely ignorant.)

(Detroit, Dec. 10.—William S. Parker, Detroit, is looking for some one who will trade a gallon of the stuff that you used to couldn't buy except in a saloon for a deed that says he is sole owner of 640,000 acres in Buchanan county, Virginia, and in Pike, Floyd, Martin, Johnson and Lawrence counties, Kentucky, along the Big Sandy river, between the Russell and Louisa branches.

That's a substantial bit of the United States. It contains 1,000 square miles of mountainous territory, enough trees to bridge the Atlantic, maybe, and enough coal to keep Beelzebub's home fires burning a while.

Mr. Parker, who is official surveyor of Wayne county, Michigan, has a suspicion there is a catch somewhere.

The deed says those 640,000 are free of all encumbrances. Mr. Parker made a trip down there to claim his property and knows this is all wrong, and seventy-five revenue agents would also know it if they hadn't been killed finding out.

Mr. Parker has held his papers of ownership since 1908. Some time before that he had surveyed the route of a projected railroad through the hills to the east for the Rev. Charles T. Gregory, New York minister. The railroad wasn't built, and the Rev. Mr. Gregory wasn't able to pay the \$13,000 bill, so Mr. Parker took the preacher's deed to the Alexander Walcott grant, which had been handed down from several generations of ancestors.

He paid one visit to his vast estate. Scrambling through the wilderness, he conjured up roseate visions of the palace, yachts and cigars he could buy with the royalties from those great veins of coal revealed by the washing of creeks through ravines.

Then a dull blue Winchester projected itself into his dreams.

"What are you all a-lookin' fur, stranger?" inquired a voice not modulated to earlier conversation.

"I'm lost," the innocent abroad managed to stammer.

"You-all will find yo' way out by walkin' ahead of this rifle," replied the mountaineer, helpfully.

The "king of the mountains" hasn't been back.

"I guess those fellows have lived on the land long enough to have a legal right to it," Mr. Parker says. "I'm thinking of asking Congress to establish my right to the ownership of the minerals contained in the property, but I haven't much hope of success."

The grant in question, it is said, was one extended by the Government to a soldier in the Revolution in lieu of salary.

OVERHEAD WIRES
STOP STEAMBOAT

John F. Davis' attempt to re-establish traffic on the Big Sandy river received a temporary setback on the first trip from Catlettsburg and the boat did not get through to Pikeville. Wires for ferries and telephones so obstructed the river that the trip was abandoned at the mouth of Cow creek.

The law requires wires to be kept at least 70 feet above the low water mark. On account of the fact that there has been no steamboating on the river for several years the people have paid no attention to these requirements. The U. S. engineer department has been advised of the conditions and is now causing the wires to be removed.

The Davis boat will resume when the wires are removed and the river rises again.

ASSEMBLY FACES
NEW ROAD LAWS

Highway Board Ready With Complete Data to Support Its Program.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 10.—The State Highway Department, whose program of legislation is that outlined by the Kentucky Good Roads Association, will be able to present before members of the General Assembly maps and mileage demonstrating for the first time real progress toward a definite goal of trunk line construction and State maintenance.

The results represent one year's work under the new system, inaugurated in 1920, but they were built on eight years' accumulation of surveys, plans and experience, covering the life of the State Highway Department and its activities under the State aid regime.

Tangible achievements of those eight years, to the layman's eye, consist of some \$5,000,000 of indebtedness to counties for money advanced and about 800 miles of State aid construction allowed to lapse into its original state by county authorities. But while the Department, as it was prior to July 1, 1920 was making abortive efforts, hampered by authority divided with Fiscal courts, to build up an inter-county seat system, it was doing good field work, the department personnel was acquainting itself with the needs and resources of all sections, acquiring a "line" on the personal whims and fancies of citizenry and local authorities, ranging throughout the realms of applied psychology and physical geography, as well as highway engineering.

Chaos Loomed in 1920.

When the new bi-partisan State Highway Commission took office in June, 1920, chaos in the department loomed before them. Joe S. Boggs, then Commissioner of Public Roads, had resigned and throughout the spring was insisting that the Governor act on his resignation. The engineers, apprehending a shake-up, one by one, had sought other positions and tendered their resignations to Mr. Boggs, who prevailed on most of them to remain, at least, until he retired in June, to which time the Governor had indicated he was to stay.

Now, there are not enough road engineers in either political party to man the department, and expert engineers do not have to play politics to get positions. Moreover, the road engineer of the department had spent the first six months in the position acquainting himself with the files, which are astounding in volume. His successor would have had the same thing to do and it would have taken him and the highway engineer, successor to the commissioner, and division engineers all the next session of the General Assembly to re-organize their departments, inform themselves concerning the status of State aid projects, owed for, under contract or in contemplation, to establish relationship with local road promoters and county authorities and obtain first hand knowledge of the routes of the proposed highway system and existing conditions.

Boggs Was Reappointed.

The man who possesses both engineering skill and executive and administrative capacity is a rare find. County judges, Republicans and Democrats, rallied in support of Commissioner Boggs for highway engineer, the Commissioners recognized the importance of making some headway toward a State system before the General Assembly convened if Kentucky ever was to have good roads, and they offered the appointment to Mr. Boggs. He accepted and practically the entire engineering force, taking that as an indication that Kentucky had not joined the "blacklist" States which use engineering positions as political patronage, remained intact.

The non-political policy of the commission has enabled the highway engineer to re-arrange his force, removing from the field men, who lack the tact for contact with the public, which could not be done while political considerations dictated the salary and importance of places assigned.

Gradual reorganization to meet the new conditions has progressed without a jar; with the automobile fund and Federal and County contributions the department has completed the construction of some 600 miles of highway, mostly grading and drainage, including re-locations, and has about 400 miles under State maintenance, while Kentucky's extent of hard surface roads, concrete, Kentucky rock asphalt and vitrified brick, including the work now under contract, will run well on toward 300 miles. So, nearly one-tenth of the State highway system of 4,000 miles is under State maintenance and kept in a high state of repair.

It is considered doubtful whether during this transition period more could have been accomplished had an annual increment, such as is asked for by the Kentucky Good Roads Association, been available. The contracts might have been left for larger continuous projects but bound by the necessity of building where funds were to be had, these contracts on separate sections have been confined to main trunk lines and the policy adhered to is to link these sections up as rapidly as possible.

Reorganization Completed.

Now, however, the reorganization is accomplished and the department is "all set," in the opinion of the commission.

BIG DEAL IN
ASHLAND MILLS

A. I. & M. Property Reported Bought by American Rolling Mill Co.

Propositions looking toward the absorption of the properties of the Ashland Iron & Mining Co., of Ashland, Ky., worth approximately \$5,000,000, by the American Rolling Mill Co., of Cincinnati and Middletown, were disclosed yesterday in the receipt by local financial houses of a letter issued by the Ashland Company to its stockholders. The Ashland Company letter was a notice to its stockholders, and stated that the American Rolling Mill had made a proposition to purchase the entire assets of the Ashland Iron & Mining Co. A request was made in the letter for the proxies of the stockholders to be sent to the company's offices at Ashland in order that the sale of assets might be authorized.

The Ashland Company's outstanding capital stock amounts to \$4,954,350, and its properties embrace the Ashland furnaces, with an annual production capacity of 100,000 tons of pig iron and 60,000 tons of coal; a new open hearth steel plant and rolling mill erected about three years ago, at a cost of \$3,000,000, capacity 250,000 tons of billets and slabs. It also owns the Ashland sheet mill and the railroad which controls practically all the switching of Ashland and vicinity, and has large holdings of coal lands. W. B. Seaton, of Ashland, is President of the company, and John Peebles, its Vice President. The stockholders' meeting will be held at Ashland in about two weeks. It is reported in financial circles that common stock in the American Rolling Mill Company will be given as consideration in the deal, but the basis of the transaction has not been disclosed.

SON OF JUDGE
VANOVER KILLED

Pikeville, Ky., Dec. 12.—Palmer Vanover, son of Circuit Judge Roscoe Vanover, who was shot here Saturday night by Policeman Bales, died at the King's Daughters' hospital at Ashland, Ky., at 1 o'clock Monday morning.

Vanover had entered a box car, it is claimed, and taken a crate of cigarettes. He was shadowed by officer Bales and attempted to escape by running but Bales fired on him. The officer then took him in custody and did not realize for some time that the boy was seriously shot. He is said to have walked thirty minutes before becoming aware of the fact that a bullet had passed through his body.

Vanover was rushed to the Ashland hospital on a special train. An operation early Sunday disclosed that his intestines and liver had been pierced several times by the bullet.

The body was returned to Pikeville for burial.

Sinclair Says There
is Plenty of Oil
Under Ground

The following is only the opinion of one man, but he may be as good a guesser as any other man:

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Fear of exhaustion of the world's supply of petroleum is a "bugaboo" Harry P. Sinclair, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation, declared to-day before the American Petroleum Institute, in session here.

"There is plenty of petroleum, and always will be," he asserted. "The great question we are confronting is this: Is America willing to pay the price for an adequate share of the world's supply?"

"America still is the chief producer of petroleum, but the day is coming when American fields will not be the largest producers, and when American refiners who do not fortify themselves in foreign fields will be forced to take a minor place in the refining industry of the world," he said.

"Unless America is willing now to pay the price of preparedness she will lose her position of petroleum supremacy and other countries will force her to pay through the nose."

Mr. Sinclair said that in the last six years American oil companies have drilled an average of about 25,000 new wells each year in this country, of which about 7,000 were "dusters" or dry holes.

"We are spending more than \$300,000,000 annually in new drilling in order to keep pace with the demand," he continued. "But America must have oil. If she cannot get it from her own fields she must get it from foreign fields. If she cannot buy it from her own citizens she must buy it from foreigners."

Mexican production, he predicted, will be as great in 10 years as it is today, despite claims that Mexican fields are doomed.

"Mexico last year produced 2 3/4 per cent of the world's total production of petroleum," he added.

"If this country is to maintain its present oil production \$940,000,000 will have to be expended in 1922 on productive oil acreage and new well operations," J. C. Donnell, President of the Ohio Oil Company, declared.

"The present daily gross production of the United States is approximately 1,300,000 barrels," he said, "and by reason of raising this oil there is a drain on 135,415 acres, so that there must be acquired and operated during 1922 a like amount of productive acreage to maintain present production."

The outlook for the oil industry for next year is fairly bright, he said.

Arguments in Supreme Court in Natural Gas Case

Washington, Dec. 8.—Opening argument in the Supreme Court to-day in cases brought by Pennsylvania and Ohio to restrain West Virginia from regulation of the distribution of her natural gas by State Commission, Geo. E. Alter, Attorney-General of Pennsylvania, declared the proceedings involved the health and comfort and prosperity of millions of persons in his state, as well as property rights.

The State of Pennsylvania, Attorney-General said, would have the same right to refuse to permit the shipment of anthracite coal as the State of West Virginia to prevent the exportation of her natural gas.

He declared it was the purpose of Virginia to utilize for her own industries the surplus gas, after caring for her domestic needs.

The Pennsylvania, Attorney-General said that if the West Virginia law, which has been pending by the Supreme Court since the decision of the cases, were permitted to operate, every consumer in Pennsylvania now using West Virginia gas would be compelled to look elsewhere for a supply of fuel for heating and other domestic purposes.

Natural gas, Mr. Alter contended, has been determined by the Supreme Court to be interstate commerce when under conditions existing in these cases and to be subject only to the control of Congress. He insisted that under the construction of the law, Congress not having regulated the transportation of natural gas, Pennsylvania is entitled to draw from West Virginia the surplus gas she has been using.

Billions of dollars are involved in the cases, A. Leo Well, attorney for Pennsylvania, stated. From \$200,000,000 to \$400,000,000 is involved in the investments of the natural gas companies alone, he said. Should the West Virginia supply be withdrawn from Pennsylvania, he said, it would be necessary to reconstruct many of the residences in the state erected for the use of natural gas, the flues being too small to be used if coal were substituted.

The court closely questioned Mr. Well to develop his views on various phases of the law relating to interstate commerce as applicable to the natural gas industry. Justice Joseph McKenna suggested that there must be a period between the time of production and shipment when the gas is subject to the laws of West Virginia.

PICKLESIMER-WHITE.

A marriage that came as a surprise to Louisa friends was that of Mrs. Maude Picklesimer of this place and Mr. Memphis White of Portsmouth. The wedding took place last Saturday in Catlettsburg.

The bride is popular among her Louisa friends and for some time has been employed in the store of J. Israelsky. Mr. and Mrs. White will live in Williamson, W. Va., where Mr. White is located.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Eskel Wright, 22, to Birdie Carter, 22, of Gladys.

Frank Griffith, 23, to Ollie Young, 16, of Lowmansville.

Edgar Robertson, 20, of Genoa, W. Va., to Rhoda Smith, 21, of Fort Gay, W. Va.

Robert Frasure, 51, of Craynor, to Corlida Adams, 42, of Ellen.

Mrs. J. W. Pinson of Kenova is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. J. Branham, who is quite sick at her home on Look 21 avenue.

Dr. C. B. Walter, dentist, will be in his new offices in the Walter building after December 25.

BRIEF NEWS

Postmaster General Hays is considering recommending a raise in parcel post rates.

After a ten days' rest the Sixty-Seventh Congress convened for its second session in Washington at noon Monday, December 5.

Fifty members of the United States Congress are touring Canada and studying the working of the Canadian sales tax.

A message from Amsterdam reports that Japan has canceled large orders in Germany for armor plate and barbed wire.

One billion Christmas seals are to be sold throughout the United States this year to continue the fight against tuberculosis.

One hundred and sixty-seven men lost their lives during October as the result of accidents in and about the mines of the country.

The League of Nations has issued a call for the members of the International Court of Justice to meet at The Hague on January 20.

Sherwood Anderson, novelist, has been awarded the annual prize of \$2,000 offered by the Dial in recognition of service to American letters.

Four army aviators were killed at Fort Sill, Okla., when two airplanes collided at an altitude of 2,000 feet and crashed to the earth.

The economic relations of Spain with other nations have reached a critical stage, threatening a breach with France and perhaps also with Italy.

The United States government has suspended publication of forty-one free papers, thereby saving from half a million to a million dollars annually.

London experienced the worst fog in twenty years last week. Guides on foot with searchlights piloted fire engines and omnibuses through the streets.

Lena Clark, who has been under trial for the murder of F. A. Millmore at Orlando, Fla., has been adjudged insane and committed to the insane asylum.

Twelve high school students were killed at Red Bluff, Cal., on November 30 by the collision of the school bus in which they were riding with a train at a crossing.

Prime Minister Lloyd George is definitely planning to leave England for the United States on December 12 to attend the Washington Armament Conference.

The powers at the Armament Conference have agreed to the abandonment of foreign post offices in China on January 1, 1923. Japan alone interposed objection.

A total of 1,200,000 children in the Russian famine district will be receiving regular food allotments from the American Relief Administration by January 1.

Reduced rates on coal which Henry

Ford attempted to put in effect on his railroad have been suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission until January 31.

Turkish Nationalists have abandoned preparations for military activities as a result of rumors that the powers contemplate mediation between them and the Greeks.

Lord Mount Stephen, pioneer railroad constructor of Canada and first president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, died in England on November 30, aged ninety-two years.

University Inn at Chapel Hill, N. C., which was once occupied by James K. Polk, later President of the United States, was practically destroyed by fire on November 30.

Decrease of more than a million in the nation's unemployed has taken place during recent weeks, according to the estimate of the national conference on unemployment.

Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, Commander in Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, has announced that the next General Reunion will be held next June 20-23 in Richmond, Va.

Henri Landru, who has been on trial for more than three weeks at Versailles, France, charged with the murder of ten women and a boy, was found guilty and sentenced to the guillotine.

The women of Japan have taken exception to the police regulation which prevents them from attending political meetings and have registered a protest petition in the House of Representatives.

The Wood-Forbes report has met with the disapproval of the Filipino Legislature, and a cable has been sent President Harding requesting permission to reply to the report before he acts on its recommendations.

The Reparations Commission is to appoint an international committee of experts to advise the commission on the best means of preventing future reparation payments from disastrously affecting international exchange.

Lieut. Col. Charles W. Whittlesey, hero of the famous "Lost Battalion," disappeared on November 26 from the steamship on which he sailed from New York for Havana. He was presumably suffering from melancholia.

Spain, France, Holland, Great Britain, and Italy have accepted Mexico's recent invitation to appoint members of a mixed claims commission to assess damages suffered by foreigners during the periods of revolution in Mexico.

Typhus fever is sweeping over the Russian famine district, with increasing violence, especially at Odessa, Baku, Turkestan, and the Volga regions. There are more than two thousand cases of typhus in the hospitals of Moscow.

Abdul Baha Abbas died on November 28 at Haifa, Syria. He was leader of the Bahai movement, which has as its aim world religious unity. The Bahai belief is that universal peace is possible only through harmony of all religions.

American tenants who wax angry

When landlords add fifteen or twenty percent to their rents have less cause for complaint than tenants in Petrograd, where rents have been increased to two thousand times the amount paid on October 1.

An increase in the public debt of about \$160,000,000 during November has been announced by the treasury. The increase is explained as due to the issuance of \$231,000,000 worth of treasury certificates, while there were no certificates maturing during the month.

America wrested the wheat championship from Canada in Chicago last week when George Kraft, of Roseman, Mont., was crowned 1921 wheat king at the International Grain and Hay Show. The title has been held for two years by J. C. Mitchell of Dahinda, Sask.

Widespread rioting, the most serious since the downfall of the monarchy, occurred in Vienna on December 1. Many Americans were attacked and some were robbed. The disturbances were said to be purely economic, due to the growing scarcity and high cost of the necessities of life.

Homicides in the United States during 1920 totaled approximately 9,000, a decrease of 500 from 1919. Memphis, Tenn., led with a record of 634 persons for every 100,000 of population, and Rochester, N. Y., was the safest of the thirty-one cities tabulated, where the rate was but 1.3 for every 100,000.

Charles W. Morse, whose transactions with the Shipping Board are under Federal investigation, and who sailed for France last week under the name of Charles Morris, agreed to return immediately to this country upon being intercepted at Havre. Morse was convicted of violations of the Federal banking laws in 1907 and was sentenced to serve fifteen years in the Federal penitentiary, but was pardoned by President Taft in 1912.

ELLEN

The roads of this community are in a critical condition at present.

There are several men and teams working on the new road called "The Charley Alley Trail" with Lindsey Thompson as manager.

Mrs. G. T. Berry is visiting her nephew at Blaine.

Jack Curnutte and family took dinner with John Ball Sunday.

Lafe Carter made his regular trip to J. D. Damon's Sunday.

Robert Carter left Saturday morning for Little Blaine to see his best girl.

Henry Carter is improving rapidly after a few days' illness.

School is progressing nicely at this place.

Clyde Curnutte and Charles Graham will enter school in Louisa the first of the year.

Ora Thompson is still on the slow go. He is not expected to live.

Jim Carter and Clyde Curnutte attended church at Dry Ridge Sunday.

Roy Thompson and wife spent Saturday night with Lindsey Thompson.

Roy Thompson, Clyde Curnutte and James Thompson were rabbit hunting Saturday morning.

Miss Gypsie Thompson is able to be in school again.

John Thompson is down with rheumatism.

Miss May Thompson was calling on her sister, Mrs. Zora Carter Monday.

Miss Eula Thompson is expected home soon from Louisa.

Let us hear from Pleasant Ridge. BLACK EYED BOY.

CHEROKEE

Church at this place Sunday was largely attended.

Norman Saunders, who is employed at Blaine called on his mother, Mrs. D. A. Murphy, Sunday.

Misses Anna Young and Ruth Moore attended O. E. S. meeting at Blaine Saturday evening.

Miss Irene Woods of Jean visited her cousins, Misses Hazel and Edna Butler at this place Sunday.

Charley Saunders of Louisa spent the week-end with friends and relatives at this place.

Glen Rogers was visiting school Friday afternoon.

Miss Julia Griffith is visiting Miss Cretia Holbrook at Blaine this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Rogers and baby daughter were calling on Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rogers Sunday.

Misses Anna Young and Ruth Moore were visiting Mrs. J. S. Osborne at Aversville Saturday night and Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cooper, a fine boy—Fred Vinson.

Several of the boys from Caines creek attended church here Sunday.

Miss Haley Murphy made a business trip to Blaine last week.

Harry Osborne and Ethel Kitchen of Blaine were on our creek Sunday. DELIGHT.

GALLUP

Our Sunday school is just splendid. We have a large attendance and much interest is shown by all.

Miss Dora Johns spent the week-end with home folks at Louisa last week.

Misses Rose Frazier, Mary Ethel McClure, Emily Burgess and Clara Myrtle Childers returned to school at Louisa Monday.

Luther Shivel was the guest of Miss Dora Johns of Louisa Sunday.

Miss Clara Myrtle Childers entertained a large crowd of girls and boys to a birthday party given in honor of her 15th birthday, Saturday night.

J. P. McClure was a business visitor in Louisa last week.

M. Preston was visiting relatives at Gallup Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Eliza Jane Afrdin was shopping in Louisa Saturday.

Mont Frazier was a business visitor in Louisa Tuesday.

Dud Gilkerson was the Saturday night guest of Sam Frazier.

Raymond McClure and George Lawrence Childers were transacting business in Louisa last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shannon are the proud parents of a little son.

Come to prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

LAST ROSE OF SUMMER.

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SPECIAL WASHINGTON SNAPSHOTS OF ARMY CONFEREES



Here are photographs taken in the streets, of the chief delegates of the principal foreign nations in the disarmament conference at Washington. At the left are Sir Auckland (left) and the Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, British delegates. At the right, Premier Briand (left), Albert Sarraut, for France. In the middle, Baron Shidehara (left) and Admiral Kato, for Japan.

ALL CONFERENCES ARE NOT IN WASHINGTON



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Mr. Gimlet's Best Christmas Present

CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD

Mr. Gimlet was sitting all alone by himself. The cold December wind was driving the snow against the frosty windows, and now and then it seemed to fairly screech at him. Some of the snow appeared to have got into his hair,

and some of the frost into his heart. For he looked old, and cold, and grim. The freight shadows that played on the wall were like the thoughts that went to and fro in his mind in the light of the memories of the brighter days of the past. The empty chairs reminded him of his friendliness, the glow of the old clock, as it ticked to be a companion, only made him feel how lonely he was. He felt as much out of the world, as far away from its gladness as the picture of his grandfather that hung over the shelf.

Mr. Gimlet was wondering what he would get for Christmas. He had spent many years in wondering what he would get, and had gotten a good many things. No one had a better house than he, few had as much money as he had. There was a park, there was a garden, within and without and all about him were the things that money can buy. Yes, Mr. Gimlet was as rich as money and things can make a man. And yet, although all these things had not made him happy, he was wishing for more. He did not know any better than to wish for more, and, though he could not think of anything that he needed, he hoped that someone would think of something or other that he might want and that might give him a gleam of real Christmas joy.

Away out on a prairie the Bump family were holding a consultation, after the children had gone to bed. At that moment the father and mother of the family were perplexed and even a good deal worried. The Bumps had been practicing farming for some time, but without anticipated results. The children didn't see anything the matter with farming. The move out of the smoky city had been an entrance into paradise for them. Donald had ten hens and a rooster. Dorothy owned two Muscovy ducks, with green feathers. Kenneth had a little pony that they called "Bigger," because they thought he would grow. Small Edith kept a flower bed that she called her "garden." There was a pony cart. They had raised a 45-pound watermelon. Father had said that the rest of the garden wouldn't amount to a hill of beans, but it had. There was apt to be enough for yam cake, with raisins in it, to go around. Why, it was like a perpetual picnic! And even now, with all things under the snow blanket, and the pony and the two cows safe in the



Yes, Mr. Gimlet Was as Rich as Money and Things Can Make a Man.

barn, farmer Bump had laughed with the happy, rosy children, as the dog Jake tolled up the hill with the sled, so that they all might go shouting down again. "They're a jolly bunch," said farmer Bump. But that night the Bumps were holding a consultation. Although the two cows in the barn were bare, yet there was a blanket on them. The consultation was about that blanket. Farmer Bump called it a mortgage and didn't know how he was going to pay it. No wonder it was an anxious consultation. Short crops and a mortgage! Enough to flatten out even the Bumps! But while the Bumps were having things over, the children were having dreams. They had laid awake for a while, talking about the best place to hang up Christmas stockings, and a part of the conversation downstairs, the mortgage part, had come up to their ears. A little of the worry, too, had come with it, so that they fell asleep with a little uneasiness about

the blanket that does not keep things warm, but makes them cold, and wondering what a mortgage could be, and why no one could take it off without money. In his dream Donald heard a boy singing this song:

"Sing, little Jesus, sing for me. There's nothing on my Christmas tree."

You see, this little boy had a tree, but there wasn't a thing on it, not even a leaf. So he planned how to get something to grow upon it. Finally, he sang the song that Donald heard in his dream, and the next time he looked out there was his tree, full of red and gold apples, with leaves on all the twigs and many pretty things among them, and Donald saw it all in his dream. So, when he awoke, Donald thought he would sing the song too, and see if Jesus couldn't take the shadow of that awful mortgage away, and he sang:

"Sing, little Jesus, sing for me. There's a mortgage on our Christmas tree."

When Dorothy awoke she remembered that she had dreamed about writing a letter to Santa Claus, and so she went and wrote it. This was the letter:

Dear Santa Claus: There's something the matter with our cows. They've got a mortgage on 'em. Only money can cure 'em. Please come and cure 'em, so's we can have a Christmas tree. I will be good. Your hopeful

DOROTHY.

Then, when father went to town, with the little pony, Bigger, he put the letter into the post office, only he directed it to Mrs. Bump's brother, Mr. Ephraim Gimlet.

Mr. Gimlet was very much surprised to hear from the Bumps. He had



The Next Day the Carrier Brought a Promising Looking Box.

forgotten that he had a sister, and that there were a lot of little hopeful Bumps. An old trouble had made him bitter and forgetful, and he had felt more alone in the world than he really was. As he sat again by the firelight, but on a clear and moonlit night, he mused on things past with a new tenderness in his heart and welcomed a new thought that came warmly to him and brought a lovely purpose with it. He would play Santa Claus, and give himself the surprise of making others happy!

So, the day before Christmas things happened at the Bump house. As Mr. Bump went to the wayside post box he found two letters. One of them made him sad, for it was from the man who held the mortgage, and it said that the time for payment had come. It meant to Mr. Bump, "your money, or your cows." But the other letter was from Mr. Gimlet, and it made Mr. Bump laugh until he cried, for it was a check for \$300, with some kindly, friendly words and good wishes, enough to cure the cows and all the family troubles.

The next day the carrier brought a most promising looking big box from Uncle Gimlet, so that the Christmas tree was full of happy surprises for the little folks and a gift or two for the big ones. Mother made a big pie in the dishpan and the children found out what was in it. Dorothy poked a hole through the pasteboard crust and pulled out a maple sugar heart. Donald got a red sugar heart. Kenneth got a white sugar heart. Edith got a yellow sugar heart. Mother said it was Uncle Gimlet's kind heart that had made them all so happy.

Then Mr. Gimlet got another letter. It was a round robin from all the Bumps, with the little Bump names and marks upon it, too. It made the old man very happy. He was sitting among a lot of pleasant things that had been sent in for his Christmas tree, but he was not thinking very much of them. He sat with the letter in his hand and a far-off look in his eyes as he thought of the sweetness of love, and felt that the best gift that he had received was the happy surprise that he had given to the people on the prairie farm.

"Divinity" Fudge.

Boil together two cups of granulated sugar, one cup of maple syrup, one cup of water and a tablespoonful of vinegar until a little of it hardens when dropped in cold water, and then add a teaspoonful of vanilla and take from the fire. While this mixture has been cooking, a cupful of granulated sugar should have been put over the fire in another saucepan, with a half-cupful of cold water, and boiled until the mixture spins a thread from the tip of a spoon. This should at this stage be beaten up with the stiffly whipped whites of two eggs, and this stirred into the first preparation, which should by now have cooled slightly. Beat the two hard until they begin to stiffen, when turn in two cups of chopped nut kernels. Drop on paper or pour into pans and cut in shapes desired.—Delicatour.

His First Christmas

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

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IT WAS very quiet in the house. Outside the snowflakes were chasing each other with vigor and a gaily and a sense of the merriment of the season. Voices could be heard shouting across streets, wishing others "A Merry Christmas."

Now and again the wind blew loudly, but not shrilly nor harshly nor with a wailing sound. The wind, too, seemed to be quivering with happiness. All of nature had joined together to be as beautiful, as radiant, in honor of the day as possible.

The hills were covered with snow. The branches of the trees were laden with it. Icicles hung from eaves and from corners of houses, and windows were frosted with exquisite designs. The shrubs, too, were covered with snow. It looked more like Fairyland than anything else.

In the house they were waiting, waiting, waiting.

How tense and long seemed the wait. How nervous, how frightful, and yet how marvelous—if all went well.

But just suppose everything didn't go well? Suppose anything happened?



Ray Clarke paced up and down the floor and wondered how he could have been so happy—so free from nervousness for so long a time.

He hated the great beauty of the outside world. When he heard people wishing each other "Merry Christmas" he almost hated their smiles and their cheerful voices.

How deeply he loved Lillian. She was worth all the Christmas presents in the world! Of course. There were no two ways about that.

And the doctor had said with such a genial, merry twinkle in his eyes: "Well, I fancy the young son and heir will be a Christmas present from the missus to you!"

He had laughed at the time, and Lillian had blushed and smiled and laughed, too. The doctor was such a friendly old soul—he had been the doctor when Lillian had been born. And he was fine, too.

But perhaps he counted too much on Lillian's strength. Ray had been sent out of the room and he had been alone here now for so long.

At first he had been so full of high spirits. But the delay had been so strange. They hadn't told him there would be any such delay. They had simply sent him out of the room and had said that everything was all right, and that they'd come and tell him soon to be back to see his child.

He would go upstairs. He couldn't stand this another moment. And it was so quiet. He had fancied it would not be quiet. Then he heard a strange shrill voice.

How curiously it sounded. Was that Lillian. She must be very ill to have a voice sound so curiously. He never heard it like that.

They couldn't keep him from her. She would want him, too. Of course she would!

He hurriedly ran up the stairs. The doctor was at the top of the stairs. "Wait a moment; not so fast; not so fast," the doctor smiled. "I was coming to tell you."

"Couldn't you have let me come to her? Did you have to wait until it



was all over to come and tell me?" Ray said in a husky voice.

"She wanted it to be that way," the doctor said. "Still he was smiling."

How could he smile at such a time? How hard and inhuman doctors became.

"I don't believe a word of it," he said. "She wanted me, I know. I heard her cry. That was it. You kept me from her. You wouldn't let me go to her and she—she—wanted me."

"My dear Ray, just a minute," the doctor said, but Ray had rushed past him and was in his wife's room. Tears were in his eyes.

Oh, he'd never forgive himself that he had consented to do what the doctor had told him to when suddenly he noticed that Lillian was looking at him, her eyes wide open, smiling happily.

"Did you hear him shout out a 'Merry Christmas' to you, Ray?" she asked.

"It was the baby who cried?" "Not a cry, my love, 'Merry Christmas' was what he said!"

"Lillian, my own, my own," he murmured, and bent down over her. And now the tears came freely. He didn't care at all about them. Nothing mattered. For the tears—they were the tears of joy!



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The disarmament gathering at Washington has agreed upon a pact between the United States, England, France and Japan—a gentleman's agreement without "teeth"—to keep the peace for ten years. Good as far as it goes and if more of these nations look upon it as a "scrap of paper." And we have the remarkable spectacle of Senator Lodge entering into "entangling foreign alliances" to which he was so bitterly opposed a year ago. But, you know, entangling alliances with Senator Lodge as foster father are so different from the same entangling alliances produced by others. Let the good work go on.

BECKNER FUNERAL.
The body of E. K. Beckner, Matamoras merchant who died Thursday night was taken to Huntington and the burial took place there Wednesday. Masons from Thacker and Matamoras accompanied the body and had charge of the funeral services.

Decrease of more than a million in the nation's unemployed has taken place during recent weeks, according to the estimate of the national conference on unemployment.

WHEN NERVES ARE UNSTRUNG

Gude's Pepto-Mangan Builds Up Vigor and Strength.

There are times when men and women cannot help losing strength. They try to do too much or they lose sleep or do not eat enough food that nourishes. Blood becomes sluggish because poisons clog it. Faces grow pale and pasty looking. It is not long before nerves get unstrung.

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HE COMES TO FOR GERMAN



Snapshots of Baron Edmund von Therman, the German charge d'affaires, who has just arrived in the country to reopen the German embassy in Washington.

Uncle John's Joke

IF A FELLOW CALLS YOU A BOURGEOIS BE GLAD; NEARLY EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE ONE.



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The Plum Pudding

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

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MARIAN had never before cooked at all to speak of until she had married Bert that summer.

She had made a great success of it, but she was a little nervous afterward when she realized that she had invited all of Bert's family and near relatives for a Christmas dinner. And that they had all accepted.

"Now Marian dear," Bert had said, "just have a simple dinner. Don't bother about the frills. Our ordinary Sunday dinner will do beautifully. Anyone who gets our usual Sunday dinner is getting a fine meal."

"Well, I guess that is about all I can do—and for so many, too," Marian said. "You're a wonder to attempt it," Bert said admiringly. "But don't think you have to overdo it."

For days and days Marian planned her Christmas dinner. She salted nuts, she made cranberry sauce. She ordered a fine young turkey. She wasn't nervous about the turkey—that was just about as easy as chicken.

Yes, she was planning to have the old-time Christmas dinner. She wouldn't tell Bert. She would surprise him. And then, if she did tell him, she might be more nervous about the things she had planned to do, feeling that he was going to be so proud of her that she couldn't fulfill his expectations of her success.

So she worked and planned and schemed.

And that Christmas eve when Bert kissed her good-night she smiled to herself as she heard him say:

"Well, it's quite true. People have always eaten too much at Christmas time in past years."

Bert's family all arrived in due season for Christmas dinner.

"Well, were you nervous over your first turkey?" asked Aunt Emilina. And how happy Marian was that she could say that she hadn't been nervous and that it was going to come out all right, she thought.

"I bet it was a job making your first plum pudding," said Uncle George, and Bert looked angry and grieved. He didn't want anyone to make his Marian feel uncomfortable. And now his own family were doing it.

"Uncle George," Bert said, "we meant to tell you. We're not going to have one of those old-time dinners. We think that people have always felt wretchedly at Christmas, and after Christmas—indigestion and all. So we're just going to have a nice simple dinner."

Marian had left the room now. But she could hear the defending note in Bert's voice, and at the same time a note of sadness that their dinner was going to be so simple.

She wanted to rush in now and tell them all that it wouldn't be so simple and to put her arms around Bert's neck and kiss him. He was standing up for her. And they were all trying to be critical. And she had invited them all to her house. This was the way they were accepting her hospitality!

But, following a number more similar remarks on how did she get along with her mince pie, and did she burn herself sniffling the nuts, she at last announced that dinner was quite ready.

Admirably, increasingly admirably, the guests ate and ate and ate. There was nothing that had ever been a part of a Christmas dinner that Marian did not have.

And Bert grew prouder and more boastful of her by the moment! How Bert loved to boast of what she could do!

At last came the dessert—mince pie and apple pie and plum pudding, too. How Bert's eyes opened wide with surprise when he saw the pudding.

"What did you mean when you said you were going to have a new kind of a dinner without any of the Christmas trimmings?" asked Uncle George.

"My wife likes surprises," Bert beamed. And after they had all gone, Bert said:

"They behaved atrociously, but oh! How proud I was of you. And Marian darling—"

"Yes, dear?"

"The plum pudding was the best that has ever been served at any Christmas dinner at any time I know."

"I think it was a success," Marian smiled.



SWEATERS

—suggest themselves

as ideal gifts, and you can choose here from some of the season's most recent novelties. Prominent among these are the Shaker knit Coat Styles for sports wear. These are made of fine wool and worsted yarns and may be had in maroon, navy, green or brown. Priced at \$12.50 and \$15.

Veils—Specially Priced

Made-up Veils are enjoying great popularity. And just now, when they are most wanted, we are offering our stocks at specially lowered prices. The variety offers a wide choice of new effects and colorings that will appeal strongly to the gift-seeker.

BOOKS

Huntington's Largest Display

Book for book, our showing offers one of the most complete varieties in the entire state. But not in size alone, are the book stocks interesting for a glance will reveal to you that it is just such an assortment that one likes to choose from—varied, well-chosen and moderately priced.

For Baby's Christmas

Baby, in spite of his importance, is after all the most easily pleased personage on your gift list. It would be difficult indeed, to stroll through the "Baby Shop" and fail to find at least a score of articles that would make appropriate gifts.

Here, you will find coats, caps, hand-made dresses and underthings, knit goods, blankets, comforts, carriage robes, sweater sets, mitts, baby baskets, record books and ivory toys—all in a variety that insures successful choosing.

Sweater Sets will suggest themselves to many as an ideal gift for Baby. We are showing them in cherry red, buff, brown, blues and white. They are finely made of camels hair and angora, and priced complete from \$5 to \$18. Newly Lowered Prices on hand-made dresses, coats and caps for baby present some very interesting economies.

ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF

40-inch CHARMEUSE

—TO SELL AT \$1.90.

The shipment before this one was completely exhausted in a single day's selling. The present shipment offers a choice of black, brown and navy and is a remarkable offer at the price.

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Customers tell us that our assortment of bath towels and mats is the most beautiful they have ever seen. They are richly priced, too, and offered in very qualities that make them appropriate for giving.

BASEMENT STOCKS AGLOW

—with things you'll want to give.

Our basement is a "Christmas Store" within a store. Hardly an item it holds, but what would make a desirable gift, and especially now, when regular stocks have been reinforced by hundreds of practical gift-things.

Choose from one table of Japanese china—sugar and cream, mayonnaise sets and bon bon—all beautifully decorated—\$1.25. Gift candlesticks fitted with either red or green candles. Priced complete for \$1.95. China salad bowls in a variety of beautiful decorations. An excellent gift item, and priced at only \$50. Full size, substantially built card tables are covered with good quality green leatherette and priced at \$2.95.

How Different "When Grandmother Was a Girl"

—her "shopping was an occasion—usually planned for weeks ahead, but the actual purchases often completed in a single day. Facilities for satisfactory shopping were extremely limited, and the variety she had to choose from was simple and commonplace. Peering through the small dusty panes into the windows of dimly lighted "shops" she sought eagerly for something "different" to give—but seldom found it.

—but nowadays

Madame fares forth with the time a plenty. Her gift-list holds no terrors, for she is sure to find just what she wants. "Shopping around" today as compared with grandmother's time, is a mere routine—its ultimate success assured. From the world of sensible and beautiful gift-things, she has but to "choose."

Our newly enlarged establishment, with its bounteous gift-stocks, and modern shopping facilities, will go a long way toward making your Christmas buying a joyous occasion.

NEW SHIRTINGS

—A TIMELY GIFT HINT

Being a mere man, he usually appreciates the gift that is made by hand. And being a man, he always needs shirts. Why not make him one? He's sure to like it, if you're passably neat with your sewing—and if you choose the shirting from our good-looking patterns.

32-inch woven madras with silk stripes, a real value at 55c.

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Gifts That Are "Delightfully Different"

If you are seeking a unique and distinctive gift, look on the "wonder-gift table." You'll surely find it here, for the variety is simply amazing. Such clever and useful articles as: Grass table mats, decorated candle holders, candles to match them, bridge clasps, incense burners, coin purses, perfume bottles, key cases, fruit knives (made of glass), bobaches, cigarette holders, lemon forks, radium drops, paper knives, ring toss games, holly candle sets, ash trays, necklaces, vases, kitchen sets, sandwich shapers, vegetable mincers, knife sharpeners, shoe trees, aluminum scoops, wrenches, handy helpers and clothes line reels. All of these are on one big table—all are packed in individual boxes with a cleverly worded verse that explains the article's mission and convey your personal greeting—and all are reasonably priced. Nothing over \$2—and most of them much less.

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"Selling newspapers on the streets of Lexington is the most profitable occupation I have ever had," says Howard Childers of 124 Colfax avenue, who has been blind for thirty years and who has persistently refused charity in order to earn his own living.

"I don't want people to help me out of charity, but I want them to buy papers from me and help me to help myself."

And Childers is helping himself. He has a big sale for The Leader every day.

Born thirty-two years ago in Pike county, Kentucky, rendered blind at the age of two by typhoid fever and forced to support himself at an early age, he found life none too generous. He came to Lexington in 1914 with a

total bankroll of sixty-five cents, walking along the street with a friend shortly after his arrival here, he heard his friend remark that the newsboys that were then rushing about the streets, "made more money than anybody."

Childers concluded to try it himself then, and the next day his career as a newsboy began. Since then he has tried several methods of earning a living, but he has found none of them as successful as that of being a newsboy.

Childers married Miss Mary Richie of Hindman, like himself, totally blind, in 1920. The couple now have a baby boy two months old that can see as well as any other person. Childers supports his family altogether by his efforts selling papers on the streets of Lexington. His usual stand is in front

of the traction company station on Main street. He is a brother of J. E. Childers, now circuit judge elect of the Thirty-fifth judicial district, composed of Pike and Letcher counties.—Lexington Leader.

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Holiday goods for all at CARTER'S store.

Don't overlook the fine stock of ladies dresses and suits at Justice's.

Go to Moore & Burton's for roofing, cement, doors and windows. 19-7-14

Two large rooms to rent. G. M. BALMONS, Fort Gay, W. Va. 3tpd

The case of the Lobaco Co., vs. B. J. Chaffin was affirmed in the Court of Appeals.

Don't fail to see these wonderful bargains in dresses, suits and coats at CARTER'S store.

Send her flowers for Christmas. Leave your order with Mrs. E. W. Kirk.

Less Evans has sold his residence property on Lock avenue and will move to Ohio.

FOR SALE:—Good house, 9 rooms and bath. Barn. Corner lot 60x104 feet. Write or call this office. 1t

Bargains in new dresses and suits for ladies and misses at Justice's store.

G. G. Peters has sold his farm three miles up Tus river to a Mr. Varney of Pike county. Mr. Peters has not yet decided where he will locate.

FOR SALE:—40 FARMS all sizes. Prices and terms reasonable. Wm. T. BENNETT, Minford, Scioto county, O. d-1-1-22

Dr. and Mrs. Scaggs of the Lawrence Drug Co., will move soon from Huntington, W. Va., to Louisa. They will occupy rooms at the home of F. P. Freeman.

When you think of holiday goods think of our store, where they are found in huge quantities. G. J. CARTER.

On account of the excessive rains the contractors on the Mayo Trail have not been able to do much work lately. They hope to keep a steam shovel going most of the time.

At a meeting held at the Kentucky Normal College building on Saturday evening there was speaking the first of the evening. A pie social was held later, proceeds for the benefit of the basketball team.

Mrs. W. E. Queen returned Friday from Huntington, W. Va., where she had been at the bedside of her sister, Miss Maude Burton, in Kessler hospital. Their brother, Dr. Claud Burton of Baltimore, was also there several days. Miss Burton was very ill with heart trouble.

Sam Brannan and family have moved from Clifford to Louisa.

Misses Elizabeth and Martha Yates went to Catlettsburg Saturday for a visit to Miss Mary Louise Emerick. Miss Martha returned Monday, Miss Elizabeth remaining for a longer visit.

Mrs. Cynthia F. Stewart has been visiting relatives in Catlettsburg. From there she went to Huntington for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Campbell. She will also spend some time with her son, J. W. M. Stewart in Ashland.


BIG BONE POLAND CHINA PIGS FOR SALE

The Big Bone Poland China hog is the best and quickest money maker for the farmer. I have some extra thoroughbred pigs that I am offering at reasonable price. See or write Wm. M. FULKERSON. 12-16-21

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to us are requested to come in and settle up on or before January 1, 1922. We want to start the new year on a new basis. Thanking you in advance we are, Yours respectfully, **WELLMAN & RIFE.**

STOP AT THE U. S. ARMY STORE when in town. Give us a trial. We have bargains in both ladies and gents wear. C. C. SKAGGS



Uncle John's Job

MANY A HOME IS WHERE THE AUTO HAPPENS TO BE.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH

Sunday school last Sunday was largely attended, interest is increasing in all departments. The men's Bible class has a regular attendance from 20 to 25 men each Sunday and we should have 50, as there are a number of men in Louisa who do not attend church or Sunday school anywhere and we should not forget that we must all live again, some time, somewhere.

At the morning church service an able and appropriate sermon was delivered by Rev. Bell, using for his text the familiar scripture, "Be not deceived; for God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." He convinced his hearers that we shall surely receive our punishment for our sins and disobedience; that this scripture will be fulfilled to the letter.

It was pleasing to note a good choir attendance last Sunday and a regular attendance on the part of the members of the choir is urged at each service as it is helpful to both the minister and the congregation.

In the afternoon at 2 p. m. a sweet and touching service was held at the home of our time-honored friend, Mr. N. D. Waldeck, the service being conducted by Rev. Bell, assisted by Rev. Hewlett and at this meeting Mr. Waldeck was baptized and received into full connection as a church member, the sacrament of the Lord's supper was then administered to him and his wife. It was good to hear Mr. Waldeck answer to the minister the solemn questions such as "Wilt thou then obediently keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in the same as the days of thy life?" answering, "I will endeavor so to do, God being my helper." The writer is informed that he says he has no fears and is submissive to the will of God.

It is comforting to know that God is always ready and willing to save all who come unto Him. A number of friends and relatives were present at this service.

REPORTER.

The Sunday school will have quite an elaborate affair on Friday night, December 23, in the auditorium, beginning about 8:30, there will be a program consisting of a number of interesting features. One of the most practical things will be presents for the poor. Each member of the Sunday school will be expected to take some gift and place it on the altar. After the literary, musical and religious program is ended the congregation will go down into the basement where Christmas trees await them, and the presents thereon will be distributed. The truth that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" will be kept in the foreground.

Send the Big Sandy News to a friend for a Christmas present. It will be appreciated and a weekly reminder of the sender.

Personal

J. L. Richmond was in Ashland Monday.

W. H. Adams was in Ashland Tuesday.

Fred Dixon was in Ashland Tuesday.

W. T. Cain attended court at Inez last week.

R. C. McClure was a visitor in Lexington this week.

Rev. J. D. Bell was a visitor in Ashland Monday.

W. D. O'Neal of Catlettsburg was in Louisa Thursday.

Charles Burchett of Yatesville called at the NEWS office Monday.

Mrs. Nora K. Sullivan has been visiting Mrs. B. J. Fox at Oliver.

Roscoe Hays of Charley was a business visitor in Louisa Tuesday.

Wayne Bartram of Fort Gay, W. Va., called the NEWS office a call Saturday.

Miss Rose Frazier came down from Gallup Monday. She is attending school here.

F. L. Stewart and daughter, Martha Mayo Stewart, were in Ashland Saturday.

Supt. of Schools Dock Jordan is in Frankfort attending an educational meeting.

Miss Vivian Hays has been visiting Mrs. Inez W. Watson in Huntington, W. Va.

A. M. Hughes was in Ashland and Huntington, W. Va. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. L. Bell of Cincinnati is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Billups.

Mrs. W. B. Trevillian and Miss Agnes Abbott were shopping in Ashland Thursday.

L. A. Sampselle and Hazel Hicks of Williamson, W. Va., spent Sunday in Louisa.

J. M. Turner of Winchester was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Wray of Robinson creek spent Sunday at their home here.

Junior Lackey, F. M. Vinson and Herschel Vanhose were visitors in Huntington Tuesday.

Edwin Hall left Thursday for Atlanta, Ga., where he will spend the holiday with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mead and Miss Opal Mead of Winchester, Ohio, were visiting Louisa relatives recently.

Mrs. W. T. Woods and little son, Billy, of Vevie were guests over Sunday of A. O. Carter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Freeman will go to Wheeling, W. Va., to spend the holidays with S. M. Freeman and family.

Miss Elizabeth L. Conley returned home Tuesday after a few weeks visit to Mrs. Irvin Hager in Williamson, W. Va.

Forrest C. Sammons of Charleston, W. Va., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sammons last week.

Mrs. C. B. Ross of Ashland and John Waldeck of Portsmouth, Ohio, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Waldeck.

Misses Opal and Dorothy Spencer and Mrs. W. L. McDyer went to Huntington Tuesday for a few days shopping and visiting.

Miss Katherine Thomas returned Saturday evening from Huntington where she was the guest of Miss Mary Hagen a few days.

Miss Agnes Abbott has returned from a few days shopping in Cincinnati. She was accompanied by Mrs. C. Y. Abbott of Jenkins.

Mrs. Robt. Dennes of Olive Hill and Miss Rebecca Garred came up from Ashland for a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Garred.

Miss Esther Wallter, Mrs. Mary C. Chapman and Miss Eva Waller have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Chapman in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mrs. T. C. Linger, who was called here by the death of her father, John N. Peters, left last Thursday evening for her home in Findlay, Ohio.

George Waldeck returned Wednesday to his home at Prudence, W. Va., after a visit of a few days to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Waldeck.

Miss Lola Burdette, who has been visiting at the home of Jno. B. Vaughan the past few weeks returned Monday to her home at Hurricane, W. Va.

Jolly Waldeck of Norfolk, Va., was called to this place by the illness of his father, N. D. Waldeck. C. B. Ross was also here from Ashland to see him.

Miss Maxie Wellman, who is a student at Sullins College, Bristol, Va., arrived home Monday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wellman.

Mrs. Helen Gearhart, who has spent the past few months with relatives in Virginia and Floyd county is expected here this week for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Stone.

Miss Ellen Hughes is expected home Friday from Lexington where she is attending the University. She will spend the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hughes.

Miss Elsie Walkenshaw of Caldwell, Ohio, who is the guest of Mrs. E. E. McClure at Torchlight, was in Louisa Tuesday. She and Mrs. McClure were visitors in Ashland last Friday and Saturday.

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Cut In Number of Campaigns In State Is Advocated By Alben W. Barkley.

Reduction of the number of elections in Kentucky was advocated by Alben W. Barkley, Representative from the First Congressional District, in an address at the Democratic conference in Louisville recently.

Mr. Barkley, who has been mentioned for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1925, urged also improvement of the State school system, better roads and highways and improvements in methods of taxation.

"Whatever may or may not be needed with respect to the manner of holding elections," he said, "I think we may all agree that we have too many elections in Kentucky. It seems little short of ridiculous that the voters must be stirred up every year over some kind of an election."

Sees Apathy As Result.

"We scarcely rest and relax from one campaign until another is on us, for we go from one election to another every year, without respite from the turmoil of politics. The result is that the citizens become tired of politics, which frequently produces apathy and indifference."

"We have just concluded a campaign for county and district offices. Next year we have Congressional elections. The next year we people will be subjected to a campaign for the Governorship and other State officers, and then we will have the Presidential campaign the following year. There is no good reason why these elections should not be combined, at least insofar as they affect officers whose terms are four years."

"The present method is an enormous expense on the people. Such an arrangement would require an amendment to our Constitution. But that need not deter us if the reform is wise. Constitutions are instruments set up by the citizens and they have been amended when the citizens desire it, and even new ones have been written and adopted to replace old ones."

Schools Of Real Interest.

With respect to roads and highways, Mr. Barkley said that "I take it for granted that no citizen desires the State to take any backward step in the matter of its roads and highways. While we have made considerable progress in this great enterprise, when we consider the funds which have been available, we cannot claim to have done much more than to have made a beginning in this branch of the State's activities."

"Of constantly increasing interest and importance to all are the public schools of the State," he continued. "These contribute vitally to the enlightenment of self-government. Although we have admittedly made considerable improvement in the last decade we are far from having accomplished that progress to which the State is entitled and for which the citizens have hoped."

Enforcement of criminal statutes, according to the Representative from the First District, "is another subject which is of paramount importance from both a State and national standpoint."

Encouragement To Evil.

"Lawlessness contains the germs of contagion. Disrespect for one law breeds disrespect for others, and finally those who are permitted with impunity to disregard the statutes which the people have decreed for their protection and improvement will become bold in the disregard of all laws, and, to the extent that such a spirit prevails in any section of the State, will the orderly processes of government have broken down."

"If, therefore, the laws themselves need strengthening, or the means of enforcement need improvements, the State cannot escape its imperative obligations, because the Federal Government has seen fit to occupy, in part, the same field of activity."

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Attacks U. S. Administration.

Scoring the failure of the Republican National Administration, Mr. Barkley said that "the sum total of their efforts for the first year of their tenure has been the making of a separate peace which does nothing other than attempts to reserve for our nation the rights which Woodrow Wilson obtained for us under the Treaty of Versailles, which they refused to ratify because he had something to do with its formulation, and the enactment of a juggling monstrosity, called a tax bill, which is worse than the present law enacted under the stress and haste of war. They have floundered in the mire of their own incompetence, without policy, program or leadership, and privately admit that they do not know what to do. Indeed, as President Warren G. Harding said, this is a 'monumental' record. We have been initiated into the mysteries of 'normalcy,' and, while the ceremony has not been pleasing, nor the result beneficial, if the torture shall bring us to a realization of the moral and intellectual bankruptcy of Republican leadership the suffering may not be entirely in vain."

"In Kentucky the situation is no better," he went on, "and in some respects it is worse, if that is possible. The glaring incapacity at Frankfort is perhaps more noticeable because it is closer to us and has lasted longer."

'Howdy Ed' Is Target.

"Two years ago the Republicans nominated a man for Governor of Kentucky who was going to perform undreamed of miracles for the people of the State. He was going to bring the blessings of universal education to the people of every section. He was going to lift us out of the mud and send us to school and church dry-shod throughout the year. He was going to infuse into the State Government a moral atmosphere which, he said, it had never possessed before. He was going to reduce taxation until it would be a joy to pay the Sheriff. He was going to devastate whole regions of useless offices at Frankfort with brogan boots of fabulous size. Under cur 'Howdy Ed' Governor both man and beast were to dwell blissfully together in a costless, burlesque, taxless State."

"But, Mr. Chairman," Mr. Barkley went on after he had charged that none of the campaign promises of Governor Morrow had been carried out, "it is not sufficient merely to offer criticism of those who for the time are entrusted with authority."

Constructive Work Urged.

"However much we may condemn those whom we believe to have misused their power to the injury of the State, we cannot rely on this alone for success or popular confidence. The Democratic party in the State, no less than in the nation, must be a constructive party. It must offer positive convictions, positive actions, positive remedies for the shortcomings which it alleges against others. It is the duty of any political party, or all political parties, to be the servant of the people, and the history of our country has witnessed the disappearance of political parties because they ceased to represent the forward-looking eagerness and anxiety of the citizens to rise ever a little higher in the scale of political liberty, economic fair-dealing and social, moral and intellectual advancement."

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank good and faithful neighbors and the kind friends for their ever ready assistance, their love and sympathy during the last illness and death of our husband and father. We also wish to thank Bro. Hewlett for his words of comfort and the Hunt-ington relatives for their beautiful floral tribute.

—Mrs. John N. Peters and children

U. S. COURT RULING IN OIL SUIT

(The following is full opinion in the suit of Roscoe C. Miller, et al., against the Union Gas & Oil Co., tried recently in the United States Court at Catlettsburg. It is published because it covers many disputed points and is therefore of general interest throughout the oil field.)

The plaintiffs seek the cancellation of a lease of an oil and gas right under which defendant has entered and at the time of the hearing had drilled four wells producing oil in paying quantities, and was then drilling a fifth well which was likely to prove such a producer and to oust the defendant from the leased premises, thus allowing plaintiffs to reap the fruits of defendant's endeavor. The suit was brought May 12, 1920. At that time two of the four wells had been drilled and were then in operation producing oil. Defendant began drilling the first one February 2, 1920, and completed it March 10. The second one was completed April 27, just before the bringing of the suit. The plaintiffs base their right to the relief sought both upon what had happened before the bringing of the suit and what has happened since. It would seem that they are limited to what happened before as no pleading has been filed complaining of what happened since. I will first consider the situation as it stood when the suit was brought. Plaintiffs contend that they were entitled to the relief sought on these grounds:

First:—That the lease under which they entered had theretofore terminated and defendant thereafter had no right to enter. It was executed January 26, 1916 and was what is called an "unless" lease. By it the lessor granted the lessee the oil and gas right in the land for the term of ten years and as long as gas or oil was found in paying quantities. It was made in the consideration of one dollar the receipt of which was acknowledged and the lessee's agreement to give the lessors one-eighth of the oil produced, to pay them \$100.00 annually for each gas well and to furnish them sufficient gas to heat and light one dwelling house at the well free of cost. It contained no express agreement on the part of the lessee to develop the premises. It did, however, contain a provision in relation to the commencement of development thereof, which was in these words:

"In case no well is commenced within 12 months from this date, then this grant shall be null and void unless second part shall thereafter pay at the rate of ten cents per acre for each year drilling is delayed."

It is the plaintiffs position that this provision of the lease called for a payment of the prescribed rental in advance in order to extend the commencement of development and that as defendant did not pay the rental for the year beginning January 26, 1920, in advance, which is conceded its rights under the lease terminated on that date and it had no right thereafter to enter and develop the leased premises. The clause does not say in many words that the rental was to be payable in advance, but there is respectable authority to the effect that such is the true interpretation thereof. There is respectable authority to the contrary. The defendant claims that the decision of the Kentucky Court of Appeals in the case of Warren Oil & Gas Co., v. Gilliam 182 Ky. 897 is against plaintiffs contention. Of course if it is, it is controlling. But possibly it is to be distinguished on the ground that the lease there involved was on "or" lease and there was an express agreement to commence development in the time named or to pay the rental, whereas here it is at least open to say that there is no such agreement. But the necessities of this case do not require that I take position on this point. This is so because according to

the construction placed on the lease by the parties the rental was not payable in advance and it was sufficient if it was paid at any time during the year to which it related. The first rental, if payable in advance, became due January 26, 1917. It was not tendered until January 15, 1918, when it was accepted. The second upon such construction became due January 26, 1918. It was not tendered until January 15, 1919, when it was accepted. In further recognition of the fact that such was the true construction of the clause plaintiffs gave defendant a written notice November 22, 1919, to commence actual drilling by January 26, 1920. This was not an offer of a new lease, if actual drilling was commenced by that date, but a recognition of the fact that the rental was not payable in advance and hence that the lease was still in force, notwithstanding the rental had not been paid in advance January 26, 1919, for the following year and a claim of a right to hasten development sooner than the terms of the lease required. In view of this conduct it was not open to plaintiffs to claim that the rental for the year commencing January 26, 1920, was payable in advance and all that was sufficient for defendant to keep the lease alive for that year was for it to tender or pay the rental for the year ending that date before its termination just as it had done the two preceding years. This it did, just before it tendered to plaintiffs the rental for that year January 15, 1920, which was then refused. Such was to be taken as a true interpretation of the contract, at least until plaintiffs notified defendants of a change in position. This they never did. Notice to develop did not amount to such notification. Nor did the refusal of the tender of January 15, 1920. Therefore the refusal was the notice to develop. Thereby plaintiffs were standing by their position that they had a right to development.

Second:—The failure to comply with plaintiffs requirements to begin development by January 26, 1920. The answer to this is that plaintiffs had no right to make such requirement. This they have already held in the Lyon case. Furthermore, the defendant complied with the requirement as soon as it reasonably could. The plaintiff Roscoe Miller testified that defendant through its president told him in November, 1919, i. e. after November 22, 1919, when the notice was given and before December 1, that it was going to come right in and drill a well. It got some of its material on the premises before January 26, 1920, began drilling February 2, 1920, and completed the well March 10, 1920. There is no room to claim that defendant could reasonably have begun drilling sooner than it actually did.

If what I have said is not sufficient to dispose of the two grounds relied on by plaintiffs, which I have thus far considered they are disposed of by a single other consideration. That is plaintiffs behavior in relation to the drilling of the two wells, they made no objection whatever thereto but by their action showed that they thought that the requirement of their notice had been substantially complied with and that they were satisfied with such compliance. There would seem to be no doubt that if it had not been for what happened after the drilling of the second well and before the bringing of the suit, which constitutes another ground for the relief sought, yet to be considered, no suit would have ever been brought.

Third:—After the drilling of the second well, defendant removed its drilling machine to the Holbrook lease owned by defendant. This it did to set a well drilled by the Plaintiff Oil Co., represented by the plaintiff Atkins on the Cynthia Rice lease into which defendant was informed and believed that that company had allowed fresh water to get in which would be the suit, which constitutes another ground for the relief sought, yet to be considered, no suit would have ever been brought.

Fourth:—The defendant's president and superintendent testified that he told them that he had left the well wet. That superintendent testified that they did not remember what he did say, but that if he said anything on the subject that it was that he feared they would get a little water and stopped before they got in it. This removal of the machine was not an abandonment of the lease in question. The defendant had then two producing wells thereon and the removal was justified by the emergency which defendant thought had arisen and which called for prompt action on its part.

Fifth:—Want of Mutuality. Whatever bearing this has on an undeveloped lease, it has none here. I have said all I care to say on this subject in Lindley v. Raydure, except that I think it is about time to quit having anything to say on this subject in connection with oil and gas leases, as well as calling them options.

I am driven, therefore, to the conclusion that when this suit was brought plaintiffs were not entitled to the relief they seek. This is possibly all that need be said in disposing of this case, but I will proceed and consider whether anything happened after the bringing of the suit which can afford plaintiffs a basis for the relief they seek. It is their claim that it was an implied term of the lease, that if the drilling of a well proved that the leased premises were oil producing the lessees should fully develop them with

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reasonable diligence and that, notwithstanding defendant at the time of the hearing had drilled two more wells producing oil in paying quantities and was then in the process of drilling another, it did not proceed so to do with reasonable diligence. It is sufficient for me to say that I think that under all the circumstances defendant did so proceed to do, but if it did not it is not open to plaintiffs to claim that it did not. They were claiming not only that it had no right to further develop, but that it was bound to give up the wells that it had already drilled and had brought suit to bring this about. In view of this, defendant would have been justified in doing no more until it was settled just what its rights were. That it did not do so was a manifestation of confidence in the justice of its position.

A. M. J. COCHRAN, Judge.

PATRICK

Miss Nola Borders has been sick for some few days.

Bill Osborn, who has been gone for some time arrived home one day last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Cornutte and daughter of Muddy Branch spent the week-end with Mrs. Blane Stacy.

Misses Virgie and Ora Estep of Paintsville spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Vanhoose.

Marques Preston was visiting at Gallup Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lenamie Preston spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Sam Preston of Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Fitch and Bill Osborn were shopping in Louisville Friday.

Miss Marinda Walters, who has been visiting at Ashland for some time has returned home.

Harold Chapman of Van Lear is visiting Mrs. W. A. Chapman.

Miss Marinda Walters and Curt Preston, Gladstone Borders and Harvey Hardin were the Sunday evening guests of Misses Pauline and Hildagard Meade.

Lenamie Borders and Willie Fay Allen of Borders chapel attended church at Richardson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burges are expecting to return to their home at Ashland soon.

Miss Beatrice and Norma Vanhoose spent Saturday night with their cousins, Misses Violet, Beanie and Mae Vanhoose.

Nola and Mamie Borders spent Thursday night with Mrs. Chas. Fitch.

Noel Osborn is expected home soon.

Mrs. Milt Meade spent Saturday evening with aunt Jane Warnick, who is very ill.

Bill and Frank Matney spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. A. Preston.

Don Preston spent the week-end with his family at Gallup.

LONESOME BOYS.

APPLES For SALE

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MADGE

R. Blankenship of Yatesville was here Sunday.

Jack Wellman spent Sunday with Ollie Chapman.

Monnie and Joe Willis Pigg spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives at Evergreen.

Mrs. Pearl Bradley and daughter, Alva, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Clarkson and Fred Bradley were guests of Dan and Elva Wellman Saturday night.

Miss Dell Turner called on Mrs. G. A. Hays Monday.

Mrs. Georgia Roberts spent Monday with home folks.

J. O. Pigg and son and Allen Hutchison and Georgia Lee Hays attended singing at Evergreen Sunday.

G. A. Hays made a business trip to Louisa Tuesday.

Miss Artie Holbrook called on Mrs. G. A. Hays Tuesday.

Aunt Rebecca Nolan is on the sick list.

Allen Hutchison made a business trip to Louisa Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradley spent Sunday with relatives at Evergreen.

Sam D. Heberlin spent a few days with home folks at Portsmouth, Ohio, last week.

R. T. May was a business visitor in Louisa Monday.

Mrs. Mattie Meek spent Saturday with Mrs. G. G. Roberts.

Mrs. Amanda Roberts is very poorly with a severe cold.

G. G. Roberts visited his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Shannon at Fallsburg Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dameron and children spent Sunday with John Burton and family of Irad.

Misses Thelma and Goldie Barnett spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Laura B. Carter.

MADGE AND IRAD

School is progressing nicely with Miss Laura Belle Carter teacher.

Several from here attended the party given by the Misses Burton of Irad.

Sam Doc Heberlin, who has been visiting relatives in Portsmouth, Ohio, has returned home.

Misses Georgia Hays, Mona Pigg, Georgia and Allen Hutchison attended singing school at Evergreen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dameron spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Jno. Burton and family of Irad.

Robert Burton and Thurman Hughes visited our school Friday evening.

Miss Gertrude Barnett was the Sunday guest of Miss Virginia Tull Turner.

Archie Bradley and Oliver Delong passed through here Sunday.

Fanny Davis and little son of Irad spent Sunday with Mrs. John Burton.

Miss Emily Hays was the pleasant guest of Miss Jewel Dameron Sunday.

Misses Thelma and Goldie Barnett spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Laura Belle Carter.

Oakley L. Heberlin of Portsmouth, Ohio, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Ruby Lee Dameron was shopping in Louisa Tuesday.

Effie Nolan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Vint Nolan of Mt. Pleasant.

ESTEP

Miss Mary Chadwick had the misfortune of running a needle in her finger Friday. She went to Ashland Saturday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fannin where she had an X-Ray examination and the point of the needle removed.

Mrs. J. N. Queen was the guest of her mother Wednesday.

Hubert and George Hall were the dinner guests of Frances and Poloma Queen Sunday.

Mrs. Julia Thacker, who has been suffering with asthma is able to be out again.

Miss Maida Blankenship was calling on Mrs. W. D. Queen Saturday.

Mrs. Greely Runyon of Catlettsburg has returned home after an extended visit with her father, E. W. Chambers.

Mrs. Belva Queen was calling on Mrs. Vic Queen Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Buckley spent the day with Mrs. C. H. Higgins Sunday.

Miss Golda Workman is attending school at Seed Tick.

Celcus Easton was shopping at Bolts Fork Saturday.

Doshia White has returned home after an extended visit with her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Johnson of Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Queen were the dinner guests of Mrs. W. M. Easton Sunday.

Paris Blankenship was calling on friends here Sunday.

Lena Easton and Mrs. W. D. Queen were shopping in Ashland Friday.

Mary Chadwick is visiting home folks this week.

INDIGESTION

Many persons, otherwise vigorous and healthy, are bothered occasionally with indigestion. The effects of a disordered stomach on the system are dangerous, and prompt treatment of indigestion is important. "The only medicine I have needed has been something to aid digestion and clean the liver," writes Mr. Fred Ashby, a McKinney, Texas, farmer. "My medicine is

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DONITHON

Mr. Brown has sold his farm to Jno. Chapman. Mr. Chapman is preparing to move to his new place.

Miss Marjorie Blair is the guest of her cousin, Mollie Lemaster.

Our tobacco growers are preparing to ship tobacco soon.

Mrs. Jesse Maynard has recovered from a recent illness.

Neil Parsley has returned home after a two weeks visit with his cousin, Gwinn Chapman.

A house vacated on Mrs. Nettie Maynard Wallace's farm was entered one day or night last week by some one who relieved Mrs. Wallace of 150 fruit jars, which is proof sufficient that our moonshiners are getting ready for Christmas.

Mrs. Charley Maynard was calling on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lemaster Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Maynard went to Louisa one day last week.

Church at the Baptist church next Sunday.

BLUEBEARD!

Here is a camera study in court of "Bluebeard" Landru, the Frenchman whose trial in Paris for murdering ten of his wives is becoming world famous. The cables are full of the trial. He had proposed marriage to over 200 women.

SKAGGS

Weather is fine and farmers are busy gathering corn.

The birthday dinner given by P. P. Holbrook and wife in honor of their daughter, Grettie, was a very enjoyable affair.

Parish Sparks has been appointed Justice of the Peace to fill the vacancy which occurred by Roscoe Miller moving to Ashland.

Business is getting lively in the oil fields.

Conard Ward is tool dressing on the Millard Kelley farm.

Goebel Ward is working on the lease for the Union Gas & Oil Co.

Escome Ward is pumping a water engine on P. P. Holbrook's farm.

Jas. H. Holbrook and Truman Ferguson are pumping four oil wells, two for E. P. Frost and two for the Union Gas & Oil Co.

Rufus Skaggs and wife are visiting at Gillespieville, O., this week.

Little Etale, son of Rufus Skaggs, who has been very low with typhoid fever is improving and will soon be able to be out again.

Our school is going nicely under the able management of J. Calvin Sparks.

Mrs. Sallie Ann Evans is visiting her sister, Ida Skaggs at this place.

Miss Florence Skaggs of Terryville was visiting Miss Grettie Holbrook Saturday and Sunday.

Mark Lyon, one of the tool pushers for the Union Gas & Oil Co., bought of Jas. H. Skaggs, a fine pony for his little daughter.

Mrs. Elva Skaggs of Terryville was visiting Florence Holbrook Saturday.

The Union Gas & Oil Co., has brought a great blessing to the people of this community in the way of gas. They are letting all that will furnish their pipes and fixtures have the gas to burn in their homes free of charge, and we all find it a great help for which we are very thankful.

Emory L. Holbrook is building a store house and will soon be more fully established in the woods business.

A. E. Lyon is putting quite an improvement on his dwelling.

HENRIETTA

Mrs. Della Meek made a business trip to Whitehouse Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Murray spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boyd of Buffalo.

Miss Lizzie Fannin of Boons Camp was visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Osborn last week.

The stock passed through here last week and left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cob Hinkle, a fine boy.

The stock also visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boyd and left a fine girl.

Virgil Ray, Jesse Sparks, Garfield Spear, General Ward, Jesse and Vernon Boyd and Miss Maxie O'Byd, Ivory Ward and Dixie Ratliff attended church at Whitehouse Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Murray and Miss Maxie Meek attended the funeral of Mrs. Jullina Meek at Boons Camp last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williamson and little daughter are spending a few days with relatives here.

Miss Ivory Ward and Dixie Ratliff attended church at River Sunday.

Jesse Sparks spent Saturday night with Jesse and Vernon Boyd.

Charley Price and Dave Prater were on our creek Sunday.

Arthur Fannin was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Osborn Saturday.

Miss Laura and Lella Boyd of Huntington, W. Va., were visiting here last week.

Hazel Ratliff spent Sunday evening with Rose Ward.

Hillard Boyd and Hatcher Meek were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Sparks and little son spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Dutton.

Miss Maxie Boyd was the evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boyd.

Mrs. Shirilda Murray spent Sunday with Mrs. Della Meek.

Cyprie Ward spent Saturday night and Sunday with Shirley Blevins.

Opal Swan spent Saturday night with Una Williamson.

Mrs. Jackie Booth spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Tilda Ward.

Dwight Carr spent Saturday night with Jack and Ephraim Vanhoose.

Opal Swan spent Sunday with Oka Ward.

Norman Ratliff was visiting at Paintsville Saturday.

Shirley Blevins, Gypsey Ward, Cecil and Norman Ratliff were horseback riding Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rubie Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Lige Wallen were visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dobbins Sunday.

Dixie Ratliff spent Saturday night with Ivory Ward.

Jessie Workman and Una Williamson were visiting Oka Ward Sunday.

Virgil Ray spent Sunday at Tomahawk.

MATTIE

Singing school closed at this place Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hays of Charley spent Sunday with Jay Moore and wife.

Born to Fred Short and wife, a fine girl on December 10th. And on December 2nd to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. C. Moore a girl and on November 26th to Bert Moore and wife, a girl.

Allie Edwards and wife and Minnie were visiting relatives in Louisa last week.

D. M. Justice and wife will move to Lick creek soon.

C. B. Moore and family of Louisa will move into the house vacated by D. M. Justice.

Clyde Carter and wife have moved to Ellen to his old home place.

Della and Irene Moore spent Sunday evening with Jewel and Edith Moore.

Mart Moore of Fallsburg spent Saturday and Sunday with Jay Moore.

Estill Hays was calling on Stella Moore of Slip Sunday.

Reva Castle, Vanhoose and Daniels of Toms creek preached here Saturday and Sunday.

Willie Davis of Slip spent Thursday night with B. F. Moore and family.

Bert Ball made a business trip to Louisa Wednesday.

Johnie Hays is teaching singing school at Evergreen and reports a large attendance.

MRS. GRUNDY.

Edw. H. Cox has moved to Bankstown, Nebraska.

School Opens Monday, Jan. 2d

RIGHT TIME TO ENTER

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Even during these times of business depression, we are having more calls for bookkeepers and stenographers than we can supply. Just think what it will mean when business revives. We do not charge for placing our pupils in position.

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Our teachers are all specialists in the line of work they teach and hold diplomas to show their preparation. They have done actual bookkeeping and stenographic work which makes their teaching very practical. This is a special advantage we are offering.

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We do not charge for our diplomas. When a pupil has passed our requirements we give him a diploma free of charge. That makes our diploma a gilt-edge recommendation to a business man.

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Mrs. Heeter Boggs has returned home from visiting her mother, Mrs. Rose Woods.

There will be church at this place Saturday night and Sunday by Rev. C. Bishop, Everybody come.

Miss Edna Griffith was visiting her brother at Webbville Saturday night.

Harry Thompson was on our creek Sunday.

Curtis Kitchen was on our creek recently.

Anna Thompson called on her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Hicks Saturday.

Add Conway and family are expecting to leave soon for Ashland where they will make their future home.

G. L. Conway was the Saturday dinner guest of Wade Thompson.

Ethel Kitchen called on Miss Edna Griffith Sunday night.

Garfield McDowell of Columbus, has been visiting friends at this place.

WHISTLING JIM.

EVERGREEN

Fox hunting is all the go these days. They are giving old Mr. Fox pretty good chase.

Singing school is progressing nicely with Mr. Hays teacher.

Little Virginia Zirkles is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. Violet Roberts and children have moved into their new house.

Several of the boys from here attended church at Smoky Valley Sunday.

Mrs. Fletcher Moore and Lon Thompson were calling on Maggie Moore recently.

Little Louise Moore is on the sick list. Also, Mrs. Betty Pigg.

Laura Belle Dameron is away on a few days visit to her uncle.

There will be a Christmas tree at A. B. Martin's store December 24, beginning about 2:30 in the afternoon.

Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:30. Prayer meeting every Thursday night.

Maggie Moore was calling on home folks Sunday afternoon.

Charley Adams, Ray, Atha and Lys Thompson took supper at Neal Moore's Sunday night.

Let us hear from South Columbus, Ohio.

OLD BLACK JOE.

KERMIT, W. VA.

We of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Kermit, W. Va., wish to express through the Big Sandy News to Miss Mattie Jones of Catlettsburg, Ky., our deep appreciation and most sincere thanks for her generosity and kindness to us in donating all the proceeds of her play given here recently for the benefit of our church.

And we wish to assure her of our hearty co-operation in anything she may undertake to do here in the near future.

Very respectfully,
submitted by—
Mrs. F. E. Morris, President.
Mrs. Grace Moore Evans, Treas.
Kermit, W. Va., Dec. 1921.



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A Yuletide Reunion

By CECILLE LANGDON

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MADGE ALLISON was seated in the front part of the vacant store on Broad street, where for two weeks she had been the active director of a public movement for preparing a suitable and joyous holiday for the young children of the poor district of Carleton.

Sufficient had been donated to give comfort and pleasure to the little ones and now the grand work was going on to make up wreaths and other trimmings for the workmen's hall, where Santa Claus was to distribute his gifts.

It pleased her sympathetic heart to see how anxious her little pensioners were to make up the evergreen wreaths as she directed them. The willing and excited helpers chatted and laughed and sang and comprised a merry brood. Then there was a sudden lull.

"Someone is peeping in at us," announced one of the girls. "Why, Miss Allison," volunteered the eldest of her assistants, "it is Vance Dacre!"

Miss Allison turned her face away. He had grown very white, almost frightened, and her lips trembled and her eyes had grown startled. Vance Dacre had come back! Two years had passed since she had seen him or had even heard of him. She was greatly shaken, gathered up the decorations and said as steadily as she could:

"Children, we have two more days to work, and there are things I must attend to this afternoon, so we will defer further work until tomorrow."

As her willing helpers trooped away, she sat alone in the room thinking, wondering, and of Vance Dacre all the while. The door opened and Vance Dacre entered the room.

"I had to come. I hope you will forgive the intrusion," and then he paused, for she had hurried to her feet and advanced with smiling face and extended hands. "Surely everyone of your good friends will be glad to welcome you back home," she said.

"Perhaps I had better tell you," he began, "that after two years of hard grubbing at a mine prospect I saved enough money to come back here and do some good with it. I have heard of your noble charity. Won't you help me enjoy my homecoming by placing in your charge this?"—and he tendered a roll of bank notes—"Use them to make the little ones happy, and I will be more than satisfied."

For three days, Vance Dacre was a most enthusiastic worker, and the heart of Madge warmed towards this strong rugged helper whose tenderness for her little charges evidenced the soul of a true man.

What bright happy hours for those



Vance Dacre Entered the Room.

two, drifting together after that long parting!

Then came Christmas eve, and the event lived in the memories of the needy ones benefited for many a year to come.

Christmas day, serious and business-like, Vance came to the house of Miss Allison whither he had been invited. "I am going back to work tomorrow," he told Madge. "You see, I have had my fling and am content to take up again the old burden of hard work and barren hope for the future."

"Could you not do quite as well here at Edgerton?" inquired Madge.

"I fear not. There are occasional streaks of luck at gold mining, so I shall have to keep at it."

But later that day he came hurrying to the Allison home and sought out Madge, fairly bristling with excitement.

"Oh, the luck of it," he cried. "My partner sent me a telegram. They have discovered a rich vein back in the mountain and he can sell it for more money than I ever dreamed of possessing."

"What good news," fluttered the delighted Madge, "and now?"

"I shall stay, because I think you would have it so. Madge, am I guessing right?"

"It is no guess," replied Madge in a low intense tone. "Oh, Vance, you deserve the happy fortune that has come to you this blessed Christmas day."

And there was no thought of another parting for those two earnest, loving souls.

The Cheer of Christmas

By Alvah Jordan Garth

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THERE was a token of crisp, white winter in the air and the oldest inhabitant was daily discussing the probability of "a real genuine old-fashioned Christmas." The river was frozen and a spell of skating and races on the ice promised. The little town had awakened to real enthusiasm and when Susie Burton appeared driving the old family horse with a string of merrily chiming bells attached to the shafts of the wagon which held the cans of sweet, fresh home milk for a coterie of old customers, the cheer of the approaching holidays was intensified.

Susie was poor as her well mended garments evidenced, but she was superbly happy. "You see," she imparted to an especial confidant, a girl neighbor, "our customers always give us some little remembrance around Christmas time. And mother always makes up enough delicious cottage cheese to go the rounds so we don't appear as if we were beggars" and Susie removed the top of a milk can to display a mass of the delicacy.

"Sometimes it's money, some times rare gifts bought for money, or clothes, or a knitted hood. Anyhow it makes us feel rich around Christmas time each year."

Susie hoped there would be some real money offerings which she felt her diligence and that of her grandmother truly deserved.

For a month past Mrs. Burton had referred to "a bill and a judgment."



"Being Led Up a Slanting Platform."

Susie learned that the city firm threatened "to sell the Burtons out."

"Surely they won't trouble poor old grandma so cruelly," she hoped, but the next morning when she went out to the stable to hitch up old Dobbin she found the stall empty and her grandmother seated on the front steps of the house, her apron to her eyes.

"Oh, Grandma! where is Dobbin, and what has happened and why are you crying so bitterly?"

"Child," was the sobbing reply, "the worst has come. Two men just took Dobbin away. It is ruin for us."

"Where is he? where did they take him?" cried Susie. Oh, grandma I must find Dobbin! There must be some way to get him back."

Two men had led Dobbin in the direction of the railroad to ship him to the city with other live stock. Almost hysterical Susie was speedily dashing down the road.

At length she reached the railroad; yes, there was poor faithful Dobbin being led up a slanting platform to a car. Wildly Susie dashed after him.

"Where are you taking our horse, our Dobbin!" she called, and then she sprang towards the animal clinging to his mane, kissing and caressing him.

"We are simply doing our duty and shipping the horse as directed," declared one of the men, and Susie learned that the destination was the livery stable of a man named Arnold Drury in the city, and boldly declared she would remain with Dobbin until she saw this Mr. Drury, who could not but heed her story when she told it!

There was a three hours' jolting, worried ride. When the train reached the city some new men proceeded to unload the car. Still Susie clung to old Dobbin. People stared as the procession passed down a street leading to a great livery stable. Susie learned that a gentleman in a house nearby was Mr. Drury. His wife and daughter were with him and before them all Susie told her story.

"Little one," he said, jolting down the town where she lived and covertly wiping away a tear, "we will attend to all this speedily. Get the child something to eat," he directed his wife, and an hour later she was the companion of Susie, homeward bound, after giving directions for the immediate return of old Dobbin.

That was not all. Mrs. Burton quivered with delight, as glancing into the yard the next morning there was Dobbin all ready in the shafts for an early trip, and Susie went her rounds singing happily.

The story of the old horse got about town and was the theme of many a fireside story amid interested home circles as the Christmas bells rang out. Kris Kringle sent the loyal Susie a full gift of gifts, and peace and hope, and happiness hovered over the little humble Burton home.

Holiday Prodigals

By Walter Joseph Delaney

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MERRY CHRISTMAS," shouted a voice outside the home of Seth and Esther Marvin at Easton, and in black surprise those estimable persons came to the porch and viewed Uncle Gregory Thearle just departing. To the fence was tied the fattest, sleekest calf they had ever seen.

"Why, what is this?" inquired Mr. Marvin, staring vaguely.

"Can't you see—fatted calf! It will do for Christmas, eh? You'll need it. I'll be over later; good bye till then and Merry Christmas!"

He went his way waving his hand mysteriously and chuckling and shaking with half-suppressed jollity.

"He must mean the boys. Oh, Seth, can it be that they are coming home?" palpitated Mrs. Marvin.

"I don't know, but there is some hidden mystery in the actions of our relative. You know he always liked Bob and Tom and Ned. Perhaps he has kept track of them."

Mr. Marvin sighed and he had reason to do so. And his loving loyal helpmeet cheerfully echoed the aspiration. Then eyes met and there were mutual tears in them. Then Seth went to the woodshed and came forth again holding a hatchet and a saw.

"Where are you going?" inquired Esther curiously.

"Over to the woods. I'm going to get some evergreen and holly. It is as well to be prepared for a surprise."

Just as fall had set in the three sons of the worthy couple had left home secretly one night after writing a note, honest and respectful, announcing that they had heard of positions in a distant factory, and realizing that a mortgage on the home and hard times were distressing the dear old father they felt it their duty to do something toward the family support.

For three months regularly they had come a draft for quite an amount, but no other word from the runaways.

And now—on Christmas eve—there were three glad, grateful visitors to the little cottage: Tom, Bob and Ned once more rested under the dear old home roof. The news got about town. The lads were popular and had many true friends. Three, particularly, arrived with their sisters just as the prodigals wished and hoped. And in the evening the same welcome coterie made the old home cheery with their chatter at the supper table. Then appeared Uncle Gregory. He winked and blinked at his three prime favorites, the boys, and brought two turkeys for the holiday feast.

"But the fatted calf for the prodigals," he queried chuckling. "So appropriate, and it will last a week."

And an hour later Uncle Gregory blossomed forth in his most felicitous



He Brought a Fatted Calf.

style. He handed a folded legal looking document to Mrs. Marvin.

"What is this, Uncle Gregory?" she inquired.

"Release of the mortgage these dear lads hoped to pay through their own exertions, but they are only boys, if good ones, and the task was too heavy for them. And, by the way lads, here's a bank book. I consider you a good investment and I have donated what will take you through college and prepare you for battling with the world—well educated men."

"I declare!" murmured Mr. Marvin and there was a catch in his throat.

As to Mrs. Marvin she came up to the old man and placed her loving arm about him and kissed him fervently.

"Yes it is a genuine surprise, indeed," voiced Mr. Marvin. "Blessings come thickly when we most need them."

And the three charming girls were more beautiful to the returned prodigals than ever, and old Uncle Gregory seemed to renew his youth amid the glowing happiness of that gloriously happy Yuletide hour.

"It will be mistletoe and kisses next Christmas," he intimated, with a chuckle for the three lovely girls who each sat close to their admiring lover and who felt that the Christmas bells were ringing especially to celebrate their Christmas happiness.

"Prodigals returned!" murmured Uncle Gregory rapidly, "but practical ones. Dear me! truly this is peace on earth, good will toward all men" and he left for home smiling through his happy tears, and singing the refrain of a happy, merry old Christmas song.

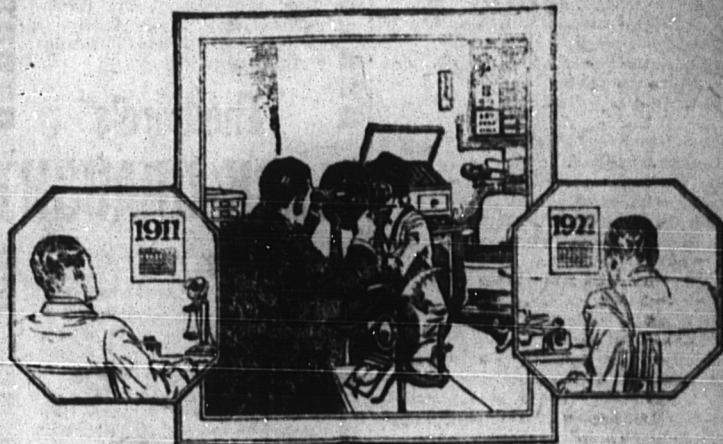
Notice - Removal Sale

About February 1, 1922, I will move my Jewelry store into our new block building across from the C. & O. Depot.

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Mrs. Hager Dies.

On Monday morning at 6:30 the soul of Mrs. Martha Hager passed from this life to the life beyond. Thus rest came, after a prolonged illness of months, due to the work of a stubborn cancer. Throughout the entire time of her illness this little woman bore her affliction in a patient, Christlike manner. She was perfectly resigned to the Lord all the time, and the example of her heroic attitude was an inspiration to all. Even in her most intense suffering she "counted her blessings."

Mrs. Hager was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist church for fifty years.

She was in her 69th year. She is survived by three brothers, Dr. Ben Dixon of Salyersville; John Dixon, Paintsville; Geo. Dixon, Henrietta, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Mayo of Paintsville and Mrs. Murza Borders of Henrietta. She is also survived by three children, Mrs. Dr. G. M. Stafford, city; Fred Hager, Hager Hill, and Ben Hager of Van Lear. Several grandchildren mourn her passing.

Funeral services were held by her pastor, Edward J. Rees at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. G. M. Stafford of this city.

From The Southland.

A carload of business men and financiers from points in the South—Bristol, Tenn., Kingsport, Tenn., Newport News, Va., and other southern cities, arrived in Paintsville Wednesday night.

There are about 40 in the party and they are interested in the development of the Berea fields in Johnson-co., Ky. The expedition was gotten up under the auspices of The Kingsport Oil & Gas Corporation. This company is operating the C. W. Wheeler lease at Taffordville and also has other valuable holdings amounting in all to 542 acres of proven territory in the heart of the field. The company has drilled three wells which are already attached to the independent Berea Pipe Line.

A great deal of enthusiasm was shown by the visitors here. Upon arrival a banquet was served them. They visited the field at Staffordville Thursday. Paintsville should be proud to learn that oil men are beginning to come by the carload. This means something to everybody in Paintsville.

Paintsville Man Dies.

Talbert Barnett, aged about 25 died at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lyons of West Paintsville. He had been a sufferer from tuberculosis for the past two years and had visited health resorts in the West in an effort to check the inroads of the dreaded disease, but to no avail, and his death was not unexpected.

He was a son of A. J. Barnett of Slip his county, and an excellent young man. He is survived by his wife and two children, several brothers and sisters and his father. The burial took place at his old home near Slip.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham Return.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buckingham returned last Thursday from a three weeks automobile trip with Mr. and Mrs. Jno. E. Buckingham of Ashland. The party visited a number of the Eastern cities and spent Thanksgiving with Misses Venus and Winifred Buckingham in Virginia.

Infant Dies.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lockwood died Saturday evening. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the home by Rev. H. G. Sowards. Interment in the Preston cemetery in West Paintsville.

Charley Blair Paroled.

Charley Blair, of Hager Hill, this county, was paroled a few days ago by the State Board of Parole Commissioners. Blair was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years from Johnson county July, 1920, for the murder of German Conley, a neighbor, over a line fence.

Local and Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reynolds of Pikeville, were here Monday and placed their little son in the Paintsville

hospital. He is a sufferer of typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wheeler returned last week from Seco where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Willard Davis and family.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Atkinson will leave this week for Florida where they will spend the winter the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Atkinson.

Mrs. Clyde R. Hatfield and little daughter of Huntington W. Va., are the guests of Mrs. Hatfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Turner of this city.

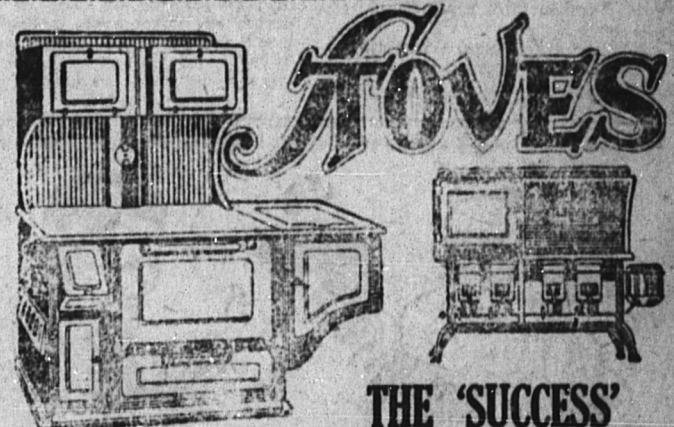
Mrs. Eugene Hager and daughter returned last week from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hall in Callettsburg.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Spiano, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Howell at Seco, a boy.

Miss Beas Spradlin and Hattie Busch spent the week-end in Pikeville the guest of friends.—Paintsville Herald.

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